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BY BILL CORNWELL

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LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT FROM THE GET-GO. Anyone who tells you that he or she knows with any certainty how Florida will vote in this year's presidential election is full of hooley. It just can't be done. Not at this date, at least.

This churning state is far too complex to conform to conventional analysis and long-term prognostication. Florida, to borrow Winston Churchill's well-worn description of Russia, is a political riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. It regularly votes one way in state and local races and another

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David Lawrence Center enhancing its children's services

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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One of the challenges facing a major community resource like David Lawrence Center is staying on top of changing needs among the population it serves. To address the needs of a growing population and its children, the mental health and substance abuse treatment center is in the midst of expanding its facilities and programming for local kids. To that end, a new 2,000-square-foot outpatient facility for minors is on target to open in October, and

an expanded crisis stabilization unit should be ready in early 2017.

Both projects are part of the center's 2020 Vision five-year plan administrators started implementing last year.

Studies show that early intervention is the key to successful treatment when mental health issues arise in children, and DLC is committed to having enough resources to care for area kids.

"That matches what we were hearing and seeing in the community," CEO Scott Bur-

gess says about research indicating early intervention can change the trajectory of the illness and outcomes of treatment.

The new outpatient center will have treatment space specifically for children's services and will include two group rooms, private therapy offices, doctors' offices and a nurses' station. The expansion of the inpatient Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit will add four beds, increasing patient

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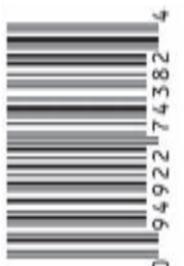
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COMMENTARY

Lang may his lum reek



Aug. 24, 1925. Ninety-one years ago today.

So what?

I can answer that question.

Look at the blood coming out of the newest scratch on your kid's knee, or the little paring-knife slice in your finger. Someone deeply, closely related to you lives in that blood. Someone who was alive on Aug. 24, 1925, just like William Kilpatrick Jr.

Faulkner was right: The past is not dead. It's not even past.

By the end of that late-summer Monday in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., Bill had arrived in a world between wars — unfortunately. Both he and his late older brother, Macgregor Kilpatrick, a 1939 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, would get into the next one all the way.

Bill took his first breath only five years before a Great Depression, only six weeks before the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Washington Senators in the World Series, and with Calvin Coolidge manning the White House.

Although it was a Monday, *The New York Times* managed to squeeze 13 stories onto its front page, probably aiming to overwhelm the many other dailies sold in the Big Apple.

"Soviet Exiles Moscow Jewelers to Siberia," the headlines read. "Republicans Open Campaign Tonight: Bennett and Waterman issue statements declaring Waterman is not a Republican." "Philips Guarded, Conspiracy Denied, Charges ridiculed by private detective ... Carries a loaded pistol all day." And for the techies, "Briton Sends Radio (Concert) Program 14,000 miles to U.S.S. Seattle."

But *The Times* didn't just do news.

One learned from the Aug. 24 edition that you could sublet a 410-square-foot fireproof office on 34th Street overlooking the Hudson River for a year, for \$75; that "The Wanderer," a Paramount Picture, was playing twice daily at Criterion Theatre on Broadway and 44th Street, with Tyrone Power, Greta Nissen and Wallace Beery; that you could get a Hudson Seal trimmed coat (dried Northern Muskrat) for \$245; a room in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Hotel for \$2 a night, or \$2.50 with a bath; and a four-piece golf suit from Sanger on Fifth Avenue for \$25 to \$35. The suit was made on site, of course.

Among the want ads for nurses and handymen on the day Bill was born, this one appeared in fine print: "MALE - Chef - First class pastry and salad man, new cafeteria in Florida; State age, nationality. Write W.M. Carnasion, Royal Palm Cafeteria, Ft. Myers, Fla."

Unbeknownst to Bill Kilpatrick — nowadays a Lee County resident, a father and grandfather, a career writer and former editor of one stripe or another at *Parade*, *Popular Mechanics*, *True*, *Field & Stream* and others, not to mention a retired *News-*

Press columnist and writing coach — he had his first Florida connection. The ad was a little wink of fate, perhaps, delivered from the region he would someday share for decades with his now late, beloved wife, Phyllis.

Mrs. Kilpatrick died earlier this year.

When Bill was born to Fannie Louise Speechly Kilpatrick (and may we pause here to thank her for doing such good work), golf became part of his life.

His father, William Kilpatrick, had been born in Dumfries and raised in St. Andrews, Scotland, where love of the game is probably genetic. In 1925, he was superintendent of the course at the Sunningdale Country Club, in Scarsdale.

Bill's 2011 book from the University of Nebraska Press, "Brassies, Mashies & Bootleg Scotch," is a memoir of life with the old man, much of it spent on or around golf courses.

But his father was not only a golfer. Before World War I, the old man served in the famous Scots fighting regiment, The Black Watch. During the war, he joined the U.S. Army, serving in France and becoming an American citizen.

Then and now, the Kilpatricks retained a Bobby Jones ethical world view: At the 1925 U.S. Open, Jones hit a shot that fell into the deep rough of the embankment on the 11th green at Worcester. As he prepared to hit out, his club brushed the grass near the ball, which in turn touched the ball. Jones insisted on penalizing himself, ultimately costing him a victory in the Open that year.

In Bill's case, he joined the Army Air Force and trained as a gunner, then

shipped out to England in the last bloody year of the war. Falling ill — offered a chance to remain grounded while his beaten-up squadron continued to fight — he insisted on flying combat missions in the glass bubble at the nose of a B-17 bomber, checked out and pressed into duty as a toggler (a bombardier). He was 19. On his eighth mission, he was blown out of his seat by shrapnel and badly wounded. But he crawled back into the seat, re-attached his oxygen and delivered the bombs on target while a navigator sat nearby, frozen with fear and unable to help.

The pilot descended a ladder from the cockpit, bandaged the worst wound to save his life, gave him morphine and flew the damaged plane home. Bill spent months in hospitals and can still feel those wounds. A single purple heart is framed on a wall in his home, but you'll never see him parading in uniforms or wearing any medals.

His older brother, meanwhile, flew fighter planes in the Pacific, including off the U.S.S. Franklin, later badly damaged by a kamikaze. He shot down five enemy aircraft, became an ace and won both the Navy Cross (the nation's second-highest medal for valor) and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Later in life he graduated from Yale Law School and became chief counsel for the American Hockey League (Macgregor is now in the American Hockey League Hall of Fame).

It's been 91 years, and all of it's in the blood, his and ours.

Lang may his lum reek — long may his chimney smoke. And long may the fire below it burn bright. ■

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OPINION

Field of dreams



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The 2016 Summer Olympic Games are the ultimate summer distraction, the perfect antidote to all the unpleasant news ubiquitous just now. It is a delight to lose yourself in watching Team USA compete with hundreds of other superlative athletes from around the world. Our hometown Olympians demonstrate the depth of our country's well of inspiration — for passion, courage, integrity, resolve, strength, grace and joy.

The games display the breadth of the world's diversity, come together in a brief moment, as one international community. It is humankind competing to be the best it can be, in contests that challenge all the physical, mental and emotional resources humanly available. The dramas that unfold revive faith and optimism in our common, global aspiration to rise above our limitations.

The United States is well represented by a 554-member team of men and women consisting of the best of the best athletes our country has to offer. They come from every corner of the nation and take part in the majority of sports featured during the games.

The *Miami Herald* also notes South Florida has contributed its own delegation of athletes, all of whom have South Florida ties. It includes 21 athletes competing for Team USA and 20 competing on behalf of other countries.

The athletes work for the invite, earning the honor after devoting years of sacrifice, discipline and hard work. Olympians are the young on their way to the limits of what a body can do in its prime, and for the veterans of past games, their will to be there stretching beyond their bodies' ability to say no.

And, oh, the stories of their journey. It's a road of highs and lows that leads

to the field of dreams where legends are born. For every medal taken home, hundreds experience the heartbreak of what might have been. Yet to have competed at all is a remarkable achievement.

The overall number of women athletes participating in the games has grown, including countries that have never before allowed nor sent women to compete. Perhaps it's no surprise, but the U.S. sent this year more women to the Olympics than any other nation in Olympic history. So says the U.S. Olympic Committee, noting the U.S. roster is comprised of 262 men and 292 women. They competed in 27 different sports across 40 disciplines; and 244 of the 306 medal events.

It has been a long slog for women to achieve more equitable participation in the games. They face three pillars of resistance: that women should be allowed to participate at all, when facing total exclusion; that women should be allowed to participate in sports designated as men-only, such as marathons; and that women should be allowed to compete with male athletes in sports that don't require speed and strength, such as marksmanship.

The Wall Street Journal says women athletes still didn't achieve parity with male athletes in the Rio Olympics. That is because men's events outnumber women's events within the same sport and the prevalence of men-only competitions. There are downstream effects: Before the first buzzer sounds, men are assured of walking away with more than 55 percent of the gold, silver and bronze medallions awarded.

I confess disappointment but not surprise at this revelation. After all, excluding women from the games goes back to when Zeus threw thunderbolts to roast whatever Greek upstart provoked his ire. But that wasn't all: Women flirted with execution simply for taking up the Olympics as a spectator sport, drawn by the display of all those near-naked Adonis' flexing their abs. But, really,

what alternative did women have? Well, they could start a stable.

In the ancient Olympics, a woman's only avenue forward was to own and enter horses in equestrian events. Even then, they had to stay home, denied the right to observe the contests. Beyond her prowess in robbing her husband's purse to purchase the nags, a woman's equestrian abilities played no role, and, if her steeds won their events, she was barred from the celebrations. It must have been a bitter pill. The only thing these women got for their Olympian aspirations was a lousy T-shirt.

Women didn't get another opportunity to challenge the games' men-only policy until the re-emergence of the modern Olympics in 1896. They were unsuccessful so they orchestrated a separate "Women's Olympics" to keep hope alive. The breakthrough came in 1900 at the Paris Olympics, when women's golf and lawn tennis events were added.

Women were excluded from track and field until 1928, the year women's events in gymnastics were added. It took 60 more years before the Olympics included a women's distance race; then came weightlifting (2000), wrestling (2004) and boxing (2012).

Equestrian events are the only Olympic sport featuring coed teams and individual events that pit women against men. Women have taken home 25 of the total of 45 metals awarded since 1996.

I guess that lousy T-shirt counted for something after all. ■

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Nihilism in Milwaukee



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Special to Florida Weekly

Tim Pool is a fearless social media reporter who specializes in getting close to the action. It almost doesn't qualify as a protest or a riot if Pool isn't live-streaming from the streets. But he is pulling out of Milwaukee because it is too dangerous for white people.

In a carefully stated YouTube video, Pool described the verbal taunts and threats, as well as actual violence, directed at whites. After an 18-year-old male was shot in the neck and extracted by Milwaukee police in an armored vehicle — Pool identifies the victim as white, although other press reports don't mention his race — he concluded he had to leave. (For the record, Pool is half Korean — not that rioters care.)

The Milwaukee unrest has taken on a more explicitly racist cast than other riots after officer-involved shootings. After Ferguson, the anti-police movement famously adopted the slogan "Hands up, don't shoot." If it were to

take its next catchphrase from Milwaukee, it might be (per Pool's reporting) "f*** white people."

In other officer-involved shootings or deaths that have occasioned unrest, there has at least been a colorable case that the police acted wrongfully. In Milwaukee, a black officer shot an armed man, 23-year-old Sylville Smith, who by all accounts ran from his car after a traffic stop and defied an order to drop his (stolen) gun. The officer wore a body camera, and the police chief says the video shows Smith raising his gun before the cop shot him dead.

Presumably we will see the entire video and know more soon enough, but it's not hard to believe that Smith was capable of recklessly threatening the officer. His long rap sheet is the story, in microcosm, of why inner-city communities are so miserably unlivable, and need to be policed so intensely.

Smith's mother says her son got his gun because he had been shot twice and robbed four times. Three people were murdered last weekend within blocks of where the officer shot Smith on Saturday afternoon, and five people were killed in total over a nine-hour period Friday night and Saturday morning. The

routine carnage is, of course, never the occasion for rioting.

The Milwaukee disorder is another stark illustration of how often the agitation over police-involved shootings fades into a noxious nihilism, heedless of the facts or reason. Burning down neighborhood business establishments, throwing bricks at cops, trashing police cars and chasing white people — all features of the Milwaukee riots — may feel good, but they are simply more symptoms of the social breakdown that police are asked to respond to every day. Even if the cops conduct themselves perfectly in such communities, there will inevitably be tensions and tragedies that don't occur in more orderly places where young men aren't so often the perpetrators — and victims — of crime.

The deeper question in the debate over policing is how we can keep the lives of so many young men like Sylville Smith from sliding off the rails.

But trying to answer it doesn't hold the satisfaction of smashing windows, or provide ready fodder for cable TV debates.

And so the beat, drearily, goes on. ■

— *Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*



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ROOTED IN NAPLES

Minecraft or chess: Games teach kids critical thinking



There are days — not often, but certainly regularly — that Minecraft makes me want to toss our iPad into the gulf. As far as video games go, however, it certainly has some beneficial lessons for kids. I often wonder if it isn't the technology age's equivalent to chess.

Minecraft teaches strategy, critical thinking, resource management and the deep pleasure of wrangling a seething horde of pixilated zombies. But the screen's glare can have its own zombifying effect on humans of a certain age — that age being between 6 and 12. And then there's the off chance that our little angel could run into a real-life bad guy should we allow him to level up and play competitively with others. We have not and are a little tetchy about the prospect, so Minecraft certainly has some limits when it comes to the lessons it can impart to youngsters.

For now, our boy is happy with the downscaled version, and I kind of hope he stays that way until Minecraft mania passes.

After having a conversation with Marco resident Wade Keller, I'm thinking that chess itself might be a friendlier venue for learning brain discipline and sportsmanship.



Mr. Keller, who has been playing chess for 70 years, is starting a chess club for Marco kids at the Marco Island Library. Though he has been thinking about passing on the game to younger generations for some time, he got a kick in the pants recently when he was beaten in a tournament by 6-year-old Texan Rachael Li.

Even though it took three hours and 43 moves for the game to officially conclude, Mr. Keller admits that he recog-

nized early on in the competition that he would not be the victor over Miss Li. A draw was the best he could hope for. He came away blown away by the capacity of some kids to succeed at a game it often takes decades to master.

"This is my theory: There's a correlation between chess and learning a foreign language. The whole philosophy of chess is like a foreign language," Mr. Keller says. "For older people, it's a hard thing to learn, but kids seem to pick it

up really fast — at least the ones who want to learn."

Mr. Keller taught himself how to play as a child once checkers at his hometown barber shop in Greenville, Ga., lost its thrill. Because he was the only person in town who played, however, he turned to "postal" chess. Facilitated by the National Chess Association, he and a pen pal traded moves through the mail until someone won.

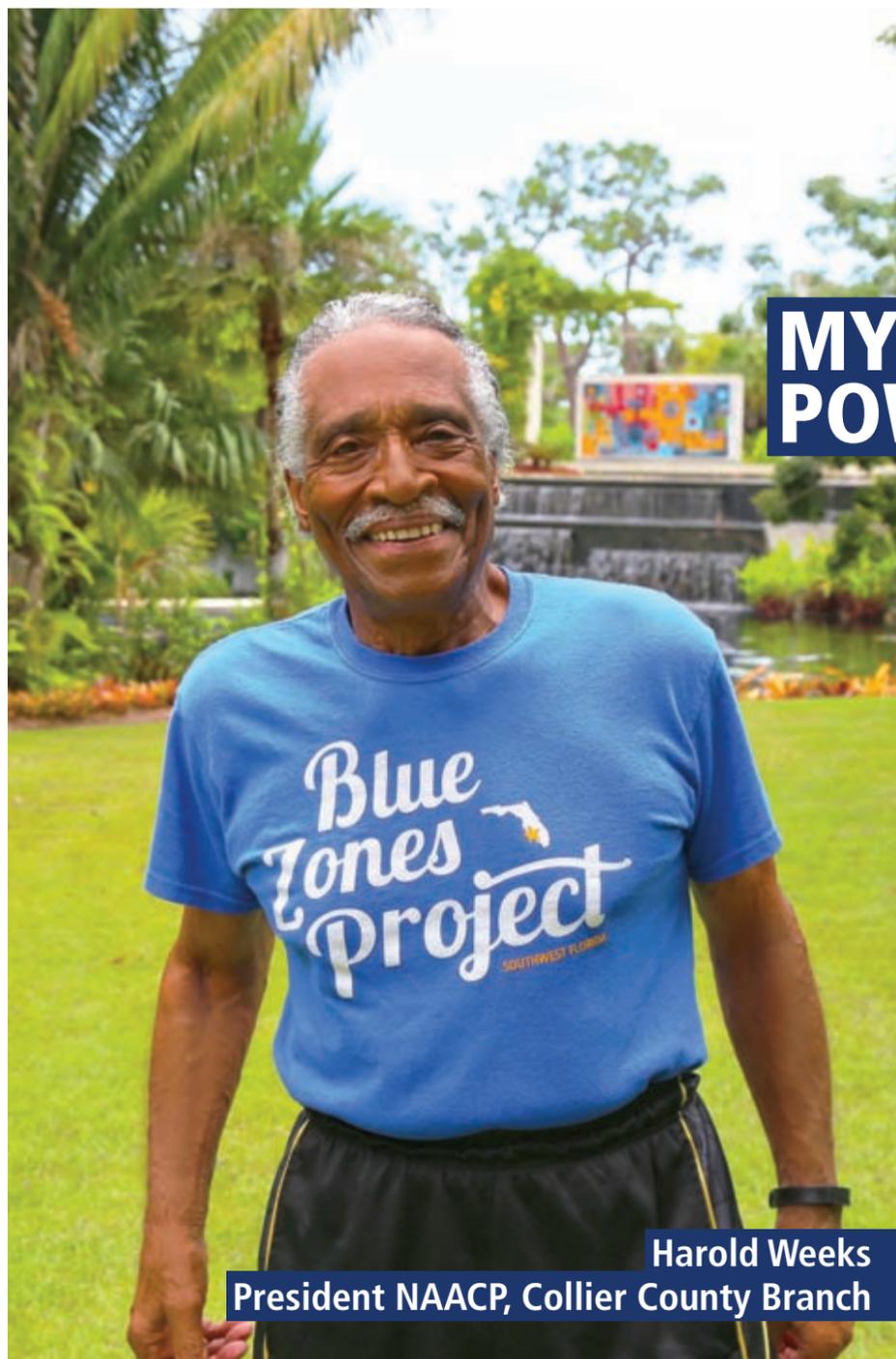
"It took about a year and 40-50 moves to get it done," he recalls. "It was just a passion. People enjoy different things. Other golfed or fished; I read books and played chess."

The game is a great way for youngsters to tame their competitive impulses and strategize, he says. And studying chess correlates nicely with academic success.

"Kids between 6 and 16 move too fast," he believes. "The ones who want to learn have to slow down and think. That's a big thing with academics."

For parents who want to wrest their children away from video games, Mr. Keller's group meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at Marco Island Library. Sign up at collierlibrary.org/programs. For more information, call Mr. Keller at 389-2525 or email wk@kellerpublishing.com. ■

— *Despite much griping about Minecraft, Lindsey Nesmith is actually proud of how proficient her son has become at world building and zombie hunting.*



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er in presidential contests. Go figure.

Long gone are the days when the state was America's dowdy, predictable, blue-haired grandparent — concerned principally with early bird specials, Lawrence Welk reruns, Metamucil and shuffleboard. Florida of the 21st century is an ethnically riven, politically splintered, polyglot mega-state. It is the Salvador Dali of democracy — flamboyant, outrageous, gaudy, surreal and thoroughly confounding.

Now — 16 years after the embarrassing and infamous voter recount, 16 years after Bush v. Gore, 16 years after Florida's electoral votes handed the Oval Office to George W. Bush — Florida once again is in a position to play the deciding role in who becomes the next president of the United States.

A close race is anticipated, and there's nothing new there. Florida is accustomed to them. Forget the 2000 election for the moment. Just four years ago President Obama defeated Mitt Romney in Florida, 50 percent to 49.1 percent, making it the only state to be decided by less than 1 percent.

Floridians relish cliffhangers.

The campaigns of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton have zeroed in on the state, as well they should. Florida's 29 electoral votes (the fourth most in the Electoral College) comprise more than 10 percent of the 270 needed to win.

Although Republicans dominate in races for statewide offices, Florida is one of those rare places where — when it comes to national elections — both the Republican and Democratic parties have a fighting chance to carry the day. This curious political dichotomy between statewide and national elections is explained by Darryl Paulson, emeritus professor of government at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.



PAULSON



FLORIDA STATE ARCHIVES PHOTO

People rallied for Al Gore in Tallahassee during the 2000 presidential election vote dispute.

"In voting, self interest becomes very important," he said. "When it comes to state government, Floridians generally want no frills. They want to get government off their backs. The federal government is another story. Florida looks for the federal government to be involved. The voters are concerned about things like health care, Social Security and Medicare. These are crucial issues."

The state's explosive growth and ethnically rich electorate enhance its clout. Politically, it is the personification of a bellwether state, and its influence continues to grow.

Every census since 1930 has resulted in the state gaining at least one electoral vote, and the number is increasing rapidly. At the end of World War II, Florida had eight electoral votes. In 1964, it was 14. By 1976, the tally stood at 17. In 2000, it reached 25, and it was 27 in 2008. Florida got two more electoral votes under the U.S. Census Bureau congressional apportionment process of 2010, for its current total. Texas was the only other state to receive more than one electoral vote as a result of the 2010 apportionment.

"Influxes of Cubans, retirees, service workers to the theme park economy booming near Orlando and other groups

have resulted in a state much more diversified — both economically and politically — than many of its southern brethren," the "270toWin" website pointed out. "As a result, although still leaning slightly Republican, Florida is today seen as perhaps the ultimate battleground state, its population a microcosm of the country as a whole. This reputation was enhanced by the closeness of the 2000 election, where it took a month of legal wrangling to decide the winner."

"The two parties in Florida are almost evenly divided when it comes to presidential elections," said Peter Bergeron, professor of political science and public administration at Florida Gulf Coast University. "If you look back over the last three or four presidential elections, both parties have had a chance to win and indeed have won."



BERGERSON

In the last 40 years, Florida has voted Democratic four times (1976, 1996, 2008, 2012) and Republican six times (1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 2000, 2004). Tellingly,

Florida went with the general-election winner in nine of those elections, with the only exception coming in 1992, when it backed incumbent George H.W. Bush over Bill Clinton.

Since 1976, Florida's voter registration statistics, as compiled by the state's Division of Elections, reveal a startling realignment in the electorate.

In 1976, there were about 1.1 million registered Republicans, 2.7 million Democrats and 204,000 classified as "other." Ten years later, there were 2 million Republicans, 3.2 million Democrats and 377,604 others. In 1996, the gap between the two parties had closed dramatically, with 3.2 million Republicans, 3.7 million Democrats and 1 million others. By 2006 there were 3.9 million Republicans, 4.1 million Democrats and 2.2 million others. This year, the figures stand at 4.4 million Republicans, 4.6 million Democrats and 3.2 million others.

Thus, presidential candidates in present-day Florida face a daunting task. They must solidify their party's base, while at the same time woo a massive bloc of unaffiliated voters whose political affinities seem to change with the wind.

Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton both claim strengths within the state.

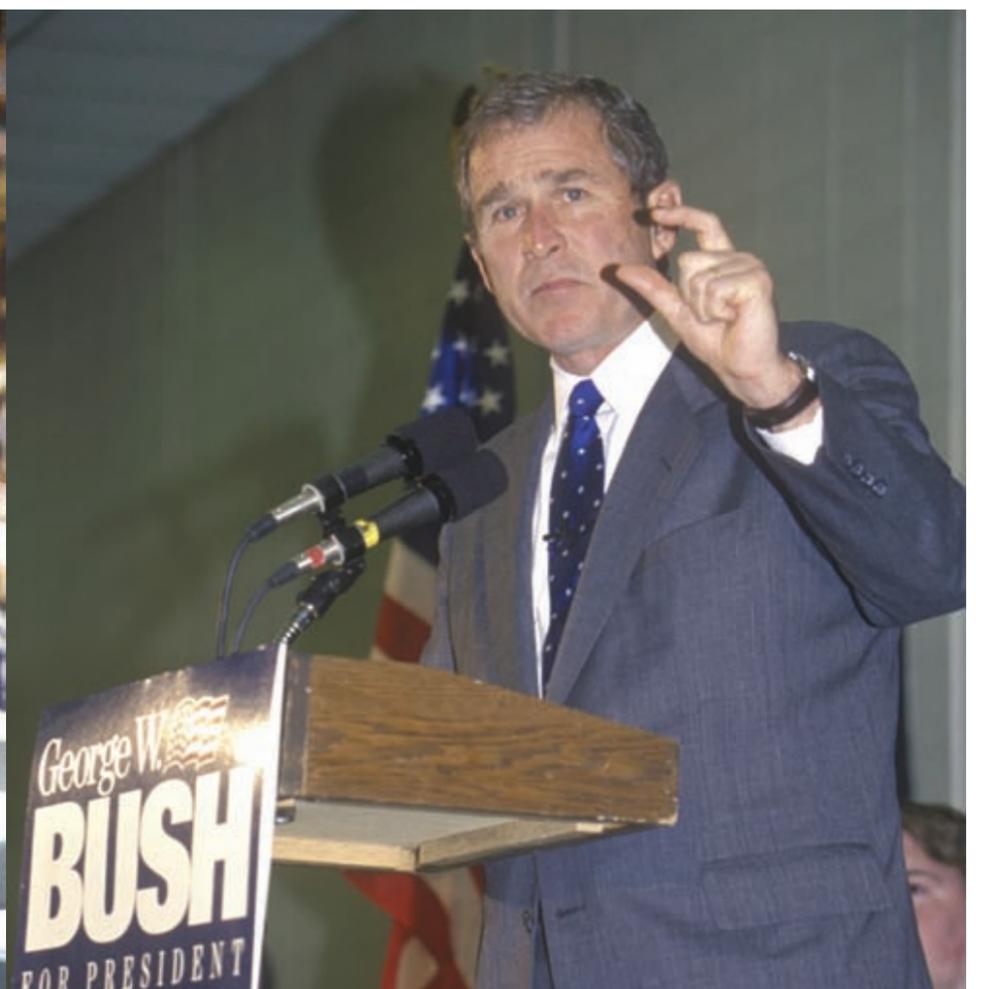
Mr. Trump, a New Yorker, considers Florida — and more specifically Palm Beach — to be a second home, and he has extensive business interests in Palm Beach County. The real estate baron also has the endorsement of prominent Republican officeholders, including Attorney General Pam Bondi, Gov. Rick Scott and Sen. Marco Rubio, Mr. Trump's onetime rival for the nomination.

Ms. Clinton, who enjoys the support of popular U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (the only Democrat who holds a statewide office), views Florida as an essential element of what she hopes to be a winning coalition of minority voters and other traditional Democrats.

"Long a swing state prized for (its) electoral votes ... and a dependable source of Democratic campaign cash, Florida this year is also an important part



NELSON



In 2000, Al Gore was defeated in Florida by 537 votes, and that meant the election went to George W. Bush.

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“The two parties in Florida are almost evenly divided when it comes to presidential elections.”

— Peter Bergerson, professor of political science and public administration at Florida Gulf Coast University



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Sixteen years after the embarrassing and infamous voter recount, 16 years after Bush v. Gore, 16 years after Florida’s electoral votes handed the Oval Office to George W. Bush — Florida once again is in a position to play the deciding role in who becomes the next president of the United States. Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania are the battleground states.

of Clinton’s strategy to turn out large numbers of Latino voters,” *The Washington Post* wrote earlier this month.

Mr. Trump’s harsh rhetoric regarding immigrants, especially those from Mexico, has created problems for him within Florida’s Hispanic community. Along these lines, Mr. Trump suffered an embarrassing setback not long ago when the director of communications for the Florida Republican Party, Wadi Gaitan (who is Hispanic), resigned because of disagreements with the nominee. Mr. Gaitan, who leaves the GOP to join the conservative grassroots organization LIBRE, made no attempt to disguise his feelings toward the billionaire candidate.



GAITAN

“I’m thankful for my almost two years with the Florida GOP, however, moving on gives me a great opportunity to continue promoting free-market solutions while avoiding efforts that support Donald Trump,” he said in a written statement.



WITH ABOUT 2½ MONTHS LEFT UNTIL THE general election, the race in Florida is tantalizingly close. Most polls have Ms. Clinton with a lead. These samplings indicate that while Florida voters have serious reservations about Mr. Trump as a candidate, Ms. Clinton has been unable to fully capitalize on her opponent’s liabilities — or beat down the negatives associated with her character.

A CBS poll released Aug. 14 showed Ms. Clinton leading Mr. Trump in Florida, 45 percent to 40 percent. In June, this same poll pegged her lead

at three points. Monmouth University conducted a Florida survey that was released two days later and it gave Ms. Clinton a larger advantage, 48 percent to 39 percent, over Mr. Trump.

CBS’ poll revealed that “54 percent of Florida voters call Trump’s controversial comments generally ‘irresponsible.’” He also receives poor marks as a potential commander-in-chief. Yet Mr. Trump scores high on the ability to bring change (66 percent to 37 percent for Ms. Clinton). About half of the respondents gave Ms. Clinton poor marks for honesty and said the controversy surrounding her emails troubled them. According to the Monmouth poll, only 36 percent of Florida voters view Ms. Clinton favorably — a tenuous and precarious position for any frontrunner.

The debates begin next month, and there could be an “October surprise” involving more damaging leaks concerning Ms. Clinton’s emails or a even a terrorist attack. Nothing is set in stone. It is against this backdrop that Florida is poised to become America’s power broker.

As *The New York Times* pointed out, Florida is the state “most likely to provide the deciding vote in the 2016 election.”

“Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania are shaping up to be three of the most critical battleground states,” *The Times* observed. “These states are in fact the three most likely to provide the electoral vote that tips the election to the winner.”

The newspaper — in a story on its website headlined “Florida is Most Likely to Be the Election ‘Tipping Point’” — gave Florida a 17 percent chance of determining the winner, followed by Pennsylvania at 11 percent and Ohio at 10 percent.

OFTEN OVERLOOKED IN THE 2016 RACE in Florida is role the Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson, formerly governor of New Mexico, might play. If past is prologue in Florida, Mr. Johnson could be instrumental in shaping the outcome, for the state has proved hospitable to third-party candidates in past elections.



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George Wallace, the late Alabama governor, drew 28 percent of the state’s vote in the 1968 general election. Twenty-four years later, Texas tycoon Ross Perot got almost 20 percent of the ballots cast in Florida. And it has been argued that in 2000, Ralph Nader, the consumer activist, siphoned just enough votes from Al Gore to cost the Tennessean the election.



WALLACE

“But for (Mr. Nader’s) 97,488 votes in Florida ... Al Gore probably would be finishing his second term,” George Will wrote in 2007.



NADER

Gallup, the polling organization, studied the 2000 election in Florida and drew the same conclusion as Mr. Will.

“Nader received almost 100,000 votes in Florida in 2000, a state George W. Bush won by 537 votes over Al Gore,” the Gallup News Service said in an analysis published in 2004. “Gallup’s pre-election polls as well as exit polls showed that Nader voters were more likely to support Gore than Bush. If Nader had not run that year, it is reasonable to assume that enough of

a majority of Nader votes would have been cast for Gore, giving him Florida’s electoral votes and the presidency.”

Harry Evans, a prominent Democratic fundraiser, summed up his party’s frustration in 2000 by saying, “I want to kill Ralph Nader.”

This antipathy directed toward Mr. Nader is understandable but perhaps overstated. Truth is, Mr. Gore and the Democratic Party performed horribly in Florida. Mr. Nader did not help things, of course, but a close analysis of the race shows that Mr. Gore was capable of blowing the election all by his lonesome.

Mr. Gore lost the over-65 vote by 67,000 votes. White women supported Mr. Bush by a 53-44 percent margin. Exit polls also revealed that 308,000 self-described Democrats and 191,000 self-described liberals favored Mr. Bush over Mr. Gore.

Clearly, Mr. Nader was not the sole reason that Mr. Gore lost Florida and thus the presidency.

Some are quick to point out that Mr. Gore was a wooden campaigner almost totally devoid of charm and charisma. That is true. But the same can be said of Ms. Clinton, who continues to baffle and frustrate many voters with her inability to fashion a coherent, consistent explanation for her email woes and for the influence the Clinton Foundation exerted within the State Department during her tenure as its secretary.

Mr. Paulson, the USF government professor, noted that a third-party candidacy might not play as well this time around in Florida.

“Yes, it is true that we’ve never had two major party candidates who are both so disliked and distrusted by voters,” Mr. Paulson said. “But for a third party to do well, you must have a strong, well-known person at the top of the ticket. The Libertarians have a fairly strong team (William Weld, the former governor of Massachusetts is Mr. Johnson’s vice pres-



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idential candidate), but these two men are not well known outside of their own states. That is different from past third-party efforts. People knew who George Wallace, Ross Perot and Ralph Nader were."

Mr. Trump's appeal is unusual, to say the least. His campaign to date is almost that of a third-party candidate in that he is not viewed as a "traditional" Republican and indeed has raised the ire of many mainstream elements within the GOP.

Stewart Lytle, a Boston-based journalist and novelist who extensively covered George Wallace back in the day, said Mr. Trump evokes many of the same passions elicited by the fire-breathing populist from Alabama.

"I know Florida has changed dramatically since 1968, but if you listen to Trump, you hear many of the same themes that George Wallace employed so effectively in the state, especially in North Florida, around the Panhandle," Mr. Lytle said. "There is this constant refrain from Trump that 'elites' in both business and government are out to screw you. That the system is rigged and that the people who run the system are incompetent, ineffective and corrupt. One of Wallace's signature lines was that 'pointy-headed' intellectuals and bureaucrats in Washington carry briefcases. If you opened these briefcases, Wallace said, all you would find is a baloney sandwich. That's not too far off what Donald Trump is preaching now, and if you believe the polls, a lot of people in Florida are still buying it — decades after George Wallace has disappeared from the scene."

Mr. Paulson asserts that a good old-fashioned ground game (e.g., working the phones, going door-to-door to solicit votes, providing transportation on election day) will probably determine the winner in Florida.

Mr. Trump, though, disdains such commonsense declarations. Reverting to his recurring role as the kamikaze candidate, he told Fox News not long ago: "I don't know that we need to get out the vote. I think people that really want to vote are going to get out, and they are going to vote for Trump."

As Mr. Trump's curious observation would indicate, Ms. Clinton possesses a decided edge when it comes to campaign strategy and organization. In a *Wall Street Journal* poll released this month, 52 percent of Florida's voters said they viewed Ms. Clinton negatively. Yet 92 percent of self-described Democrats said they support her. Mr. Trump's support among Republicans was 79 percent, a paltry figure, which gives Ms. Clinton a clear-cut advantage with her party's base.

Moreover, Ms. Clinton has bombarded Mr. Trump with caustic television spots, which have largely gone unanswered by her Republican opponent. And Mr. Trump's post-convention performance may be the worst in modern history.

But for all that, Ms. Clinton is still in a real fight to win Florida, which suggests that any major slips on her part could prove to be fatal. For the moment, she retains the upper hand.

"My sense right now is that she has a wider pathway to the White House than Trump," said Mr. Bergerson, the FGCU professor.



FLORIDA SEEMS READY IN 2016 TO WRITE another wild chapter in its book of presidential history. Even when it was little more than a tangled mass of mangroves and swampland, with more alligators than humans, Florida, which became a



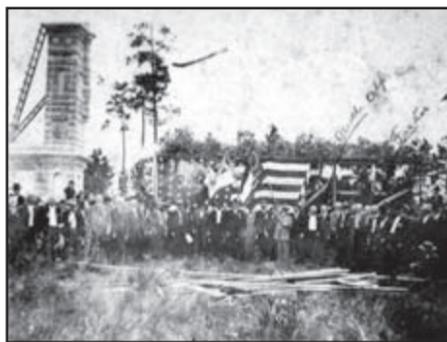
President Barack Obama giving a speech to a large crowd in Seminole, Fla. Four years ago he won Florida by less than 1 percentage point.

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Abraham Lincoln delivers his second inaugural address (standing, center) on the east portico of the U.S. Capitol, March 4, 1865, his second inauguration.

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Survivors of the Battle of Olustee at the dedication of the battlefield monument on Oct. 23, 1912.

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state in 1845, somehow found a way to insinuate itself into national elections

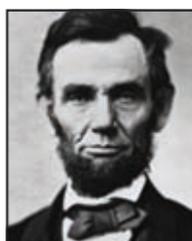
Florida participated in its first presidential election in 1848, when it went for Zachary Taylor, a Whig who was the last non-Republican or non-Democrat to win a general election.

Florida's direct involvement in national elections was halted when it seceded in 1861 and joined the Confederate States of America.

As a secessionist state, Florida was not eligible, of course, to participate in the election of 1864, when Abraham Lincoln sought re-election. The Civil War ensured that the election would be chaotic and without



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LINCOLN

precedent.

"It is remarkable that there was even an election held," said Joan Waugh, a historian at UCLA.

The confusion surrounding the 1864 election, in hindsight, seems to have muddled and undermined Lincoln's judgment, leading him to make one of the most egregious political and military miscalculations of his presidency.

And Florida lay at the heart of this presidential morass.

Lincoln was convinced the election would be exceedingly close and that he would need every electoral vote he could muster. He and his political advisers rather amazingly calculated that Florida's three measly electoral votes (which is the number it would have had if it had remained in the Union) could be crucial.

(According to the 1860 census, Florida was the most sparsely settled state of the Confederacy, with a population of just 140,000 people — 61,000 of whom were slaves. Georgia, by comparison, had a population of slightly more than 1 million with 460,000 slaves.)

The president's political and military advisers convinced him Florida was there for the re-taking, persuading him that pro-Union sentiment ran high within the state. Florida could be returned to the United States if Lincoln acted decisively and with force, these wrong-headed counselors insisted. None of this was true, but the beleaguered Lincoln took the bait.

Acting on this ill-conceived advice, he approved a military operation in Florida, with the expectation that a quick and surgically precise military strike would lead to an uprising among Floridians who wanted out of the Confederacy.

Lincoln expected victory. What he got was an unmitigated military and political disaster.

Federal and Confederate troops engaged on Feb. 20, 1864, at Olustee in northern Florida. It was a complete and utter rout, with the Confederate forces thoroughly trouncing their blue-coated counterparts. Olustee, the largest battle waged in Florida, proved to be one of the bloodiest encounters of the war, with both sides recording alarmingly high rates of casualties and deaths.

The Union, which was suffering from a lack of manpower, threw large numbers of black soldiers into the maw at Olustee, where they distinguished themselves.

"The colored troops went in grandly, and they fought like devils," said one white Union soldier.

After the encounter, some 50 black soldiers lay wounded and dying on the smoldering battlefield. Roving gangs of

Rebel troops systematically murdered these defenseless men — sometimes using clubs to accomplish the task.

Lincoln realized his mistake, and Olustee was his last serious attempt to bring Florida back into the fold. The horror of that battle remained with the president and later, when he was vainly urged by some of his supporters to back away from emancipation, he said, "There have been men who have proposed to me to return to slavery the black warriors of ... Olustee. I should be damned in time and in eternity for doing so."

As it turned out, Florida and its three electoral votes would have meant nothing. Lincoln defeated Gen. George B. McClellan in a landslide, winning 55 percent of the popular vote and prevailing in the Electoral College by a margin of 212 to 21.

By 1868, the war was ended and Florida was once again ready to participate in a presidential vote. But Harrison Reed, the carpetbagging Republican governor who originally hailed from Wisconsin, insisted the state was too poor to fund an election.

So, Florida became the only state in 1868 to eschew a popular vote. Instead, over protests from Democrats, Florida's Reconstruction Legislature selected three Republican lawmakers to be the state's presidential electors. The three dutifully cast their votes in the Electoral College for Ulysses S. Grant, the Republican candidate who prevailed.

Following Reconstruction, Florida — like the rest of the Deep South — trended Democratic. That shift ended in 1952, when the state supported Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower. Since then, Florida has skipped back and forth between the two parties.

And that is where we stand today. You could drive yourself crazy trying to figure out Florida, politically. The state will do what it will do and in its own time. It always has.

The Sunshine State, you see, continues to adhere to the philosophy set forth years ago by the marvelously absurd Claude "GoGo" Kirk, who in 1966 was elected the first Republican governor since Reconstruction.

"The garden of controversy must be continually cultivated," Mr. Kirk liked to say of Florida politics, "otherwise, nobody knows you are alive." ■



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For the seventh year, Hadinger Flooring of Naples sent more than 100 Collier County teachers back to school with new rugs for their classrooms. Teachers started lining up before dawn on giveaway day, steeling themselves for the wait with coffee and doughnuts courtesy of Starbucks and Peace, Love and Little Donuts. “Teachers are hard-working individuals who get very little credit for what they do,” owner Judy Hadinger says. “We want to remind them that their efforts are, indeed, recognized and appreciated within the community.”

DLC

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capacity from four to eight, and enlarge the dining area.

A new component of the center’s resources is a partial hospitalization program, which will provide all the intensity of inpatient treatment for children but will allow them to go home at the end of the day.

“If the child is not having suicidal thoughts or thinking about harming someone else, it’s best for them to be in their own beds,” Mr. Burgess says.

David Lawrence Center has been a lifesaver, literally, for local teen Caleb Caldwell. After he was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 9, Caleb responded to medications prescribed by his doctor. After he and his mother moved to Naples and Caleb entered puberty, however, “his emotions and outbursts became unmanageable,” his mother, Melissa Caldwell says.

Finding a new therapist for Caleb was critical. NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Collier County referred the boy and his mother to DLC.

“I was so grateful to find a place of such great support, as we had nothing,” Ms. Caldwell says. “Caleb was becoming suicidal, and we found great comfort in knowing there was a safe place to send him when he was at risk to himself.”

Caleb has been admitted to the Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit at least

15 times, she says, adding the combination of outpatient and in-home therapy has helped the two of them understand his new diagnosis — autism — and learn how to manage it together. Caleb’s case manager helps them find resources and make appointments, something Ms. Caldwell greatly appreciates and knows she will need as her son’s needs change and evolve.

Staying on top of Caleb’s medical needs is not easy, but the DLC expansion will ease some of the challenges. For instance, coordinating his blood work between an outside lab and his DLC team can be a dangerous game that will be resolved when an in-house nurse can draw Caleb’s blood and test it.

“We have had the worst time getting these results back to DLC from the lab. By the time we go through all these steps, a lot of time has passed,” Ms. Caldwell explains. “This is an issue for kids like Caleb whose medication could become a health risk, or even deadly (if levels get too high or too low).” Having the ability to have blood drawn right away and to not have to wait for results from an outside lab “is priceless,” she adds.

The four beds being added to the crisis unit will prevent situations such as Caleb and his mom encountered last year, when the unit was full. They waited overnight at the hospital for a bed to become available before Caleb eventually was trans-



BURGESS

ported to a facility in Charlotte County to the tune of \$900 (a bill the family still owes). Ms. Caldwell then had to drive up twice a day for family therapy before her son could be released.

Demand for children’s services at DLC has exploded since the 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy in which a 20-year-old man entered an elementary school in Connecticut and shot and killed 20 students and six adult staff members. In light of this and other gun tragedies that have plagued American schools the last few years, parents seem to be more responsive to their children’s mental health needs, Mr. Burgess says, resulting in a dramatic increase in referrals for admission to DLC’s pediatric unit.

“There’s a greater awareness about the need to address these issues sooner than later,” he says. “When people are struggling, we try to get them care.”

Construction of the new children’s outpatient building and the expanded crisis stabilization unit will cost the center \$700,000. The \$450,000 for the new building has been fully secured, thanks to private donors. While funds are still being raised for the crisis stabilization unit, the Richard M. Schulz Family Foundation has provided a \$100,000 matching grant, and Naples philanthropist Jerry Nichols made a private donation.

For more information about DLC’s wide range of programs and services for children, adults and families, and to learn how to contribute financially or as a volunteer, call 455-8500 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org. ■

Teens can learn how to make positive choices

The David Lawrence Center is accepting registrations for the next Making Positive Choices series for teens. The psycho-educational program helps adolescents (ages 14-18) who are having trouble making choices that move them in the right direction.

Whether they’re having problems with their peers, disregarding rules or experimenting with substance use, the Making Positive Choices group can help guide adolescents toward making the right decisions. Participants learn the value of good health, how to recognize risk-taking and substance abuse and how the media impacts personal health. They also learn how to improve family communication, build healthy relationships and manage stress, anger and other emotions.

The program is covered in eight bi-weekly sessions taking place from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the David Lawrence Center satellite services office at 2806 Horseshoe Drive. Registration is \$75.

To sign up or for more information, call 263-4013. ■

Registration open at newest CCCR early learning center

Collier Child Care Resources is accepting registrations for Little Wonders, its new early learning center at Emmanuel Lutheran on Moorings Line Drive. The early childhood education program will serve up to 70 children ages 2-5 years. School Readiness and VPK vouchers are being accepted, and partial scholarships are available for qualified families.

Little Wonders is a Reggio Emilia-inspired program that provides a hands-on approach to learning with the focus on a child's social, emotional and physical well-being.

Little Wonders joins the follow-

ing CCCR child development centers: Child's Path on Santa Barbara Boulevard and the A Step Up Child Development Centers at Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools. CCCR serves approximately 275 children a year.

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early childhood care and education," says Gail Mishler, director of program administration for Little Wonders. "I consider it a privilege to be instrumental in establishing Little Wonders and carrying on the tradition of CCCR's belief in the importance of creating an environment for the children that will spark a love of learning."

For more information about registering a child for Little Wonders, call 980-9021 or email Ms. Mishler at gailm@collierchildcare.org.

To learn more about the various programs and services offered by CCCR, visit collierchildcare.org. ■

Report details impact of winter wine festival

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Fifteen years after the inaugural Naples Winter Wine Festival, social, educational and health-care gaps among children in Collier County have narrowed dramatically, according to a report from the Naples Children & Education Foundation.

NCEF is the founding organization of the annual wine festival. Titled "Filling in the

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Future,” the report shows the impact of grants made possible by festival proceeds and of the seven strategic initiatives the festival funds.

“In a county with no independent, tax-based, public financial support for children’s social services, our community relies on the support of those who attend the Naples Winter Wine Festival and give substantial sums to improve children’s lives,” Maria Jimenez-Lara, CEO of the NCEF, says. “Our research tells us that we’re changing outcomes for at-risk and underprivileged children, and it’s imperative that we continue filling this critical void.”

Driven by independent studies commissioned by NCEF showing gaps in basic social services for Collier County’s kids, the foundation has made philanthropic investments in more than 40 local organizations. NCEF grants help improve the lives of nearly 68,000 children with access to enriching after-school and summer programs; advocate for more than 47,000 children with shelter, crisis counseling, mentorship and other basic essentials; educate

nearly 36,800 children through early childhood programs; and promote healthy living by providing critical medical services to 37,000 children county-wide.

In addition, seven multi-partner, multi-year strategic initiatives have made a dramatic difference in closing service gaps and improving outcomes for children. According to “Filling in the Future,” over the past five years, the number of Collier County children entering kindergarten “on grade level” has increased by 42 percent; school suspension rates have decreased by 65 percent; the graduation rate for at-risk youth has improved by 20 percent; and juvenile arrests in Collier County have been reduced by 62 percent.

The seven initiatives are:

■ **Children’s health care** (est. in 2006) – 107,150 pediatric visits have been completed in a culturally competent setting. Before this project, Immokalee children had to travel to Naples and Fort Myers for primary and specialty health care.

■ **Children’s oral health** (est. in 2006) – 94,000 at-risk and underprivileged children have visited the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center, and 3,000 children have been screened through a mobile clinic. This initiative allowed for the uninsured and those on Medicaid to access pediatric dentistry

without having to travel out of the county for basic dental care.

■ **Children’s mental health** (est. in 2007) – \$6,500,000 has been spent on identifying and alleviating children’s mental health issues through the integration of primary and behavioral health services. Children in need can now access mental health care that was otherwise not available countywide.

■ **Children’s early learning** (est. in 2008) – 1,250 children from birth to age 5 have gained access to high quality teachers and affordable, education-focused care. This in turn has impacted the number of kindergarten students entering school “ready to learn.”

■ **Children’s hunger** (est. in 2011) – \$3,030,000 has been allocated to Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida and Meals of Hope to alleviate food insecurity (the fear of not knowing where your next meal will come from). Thousands of families to date now rely on centralized and consistent food distribution centers that provide nutritious food.

■ **Children’s out-of-school time** (est. in 2012) – 8,000 children have participated in innovative programming to close gaps in education during after-school, holiday and summertime hours. This initiative has elevated test scores, improved school

attendance and increased the number of high school graduates and the number of graduates that go on to post-secondary education.

■ **Children’s vision** (est. in 2012) – 20,000 children have been screened for vision problems and 7,000 pairs of glasses have been distributed to children in need. Teachers and administrators report great improvement in academic performance, behavior and classroom participation, thanks to children being able to see properly with their new eyeglasses.

“We take our role seriously as the largest funder of social services in Collier County,” Susie McCurry, chair of the 2017 NCEF Grant Committee. “When given the right tools, children have a remarkable ability to overcome difficult odds. We will continue working to ensure that every child gets the opportunities they deserve to succeed in life.”

The 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival: “Bright Sunshiny Day” takes place Friday through Sunday, Jan. 27-29. Attendance is limited to 580 guests. Ticket packages start at \$10,000 per couple.

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Immokalee kids enjoy glimpses into various career possibilities

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This spring, 65 Immokalee Middle School students met dogs named Sadie and Skyy and were captivated. Sadie is an Akita belonging to Jenny Ingles, and Skyy is an American Staffordshire terrier owned by Sara DeMarco, both of whom work for Best Friends Animal Hospital in Fort Myers.

The students — all involved in The Immokalee Foundation programs — got to interact with the animals, but more importantly, they learned a great deal about veterinary careers from Dr. Rachael Daly and her staff.

“Of course, the students were excited to interact with the pets, but they also asked some great questions,” says Ms. Ingles, who is the hospital manager. “They wanted to know if we’d ever seen puppies being born. They were interested to learn about our day-to-day lives and what our jobs are all about, how hard it is to get jobs in this field, and how hard you have to study.”

Ms. DeMarco, a veterinary technician, says it seemed some of the students might be interested in exploring veterinary services as a career.

Those are some of the reasons behind TIF’s career panels in which Best Friends Animal Hospital participated. Career panels feature speakers from technology, law, media, human services, health care, manufacturing and other fields. Panelists often share personal stories about their educational backgrounds and the struggles they encounter in achieving their goals. Often, career panel days involve outings to a variety of workplaces.

During the past school year, students



COURTESY PHOTO
Immokalee Middle School students Leslie Escalante and Brittany Ruiz, right, meet Sadie and her owner, Jenny Ingles, during a career panel presented by The Immokalee Foundation.

in the TIF Career Development program journeyed to Artis—Naples and Gulfshore Playhouse for behind-the-scenes views of productions and to learn about the types of jobs available in the performing arts. Younger students traveled to The Naples Zoo to see what life is like for the staff (and the animals).

Speakers who came to TIF offices told the students about careers they could pursue at Immokalee Technical College. Dr. Corey Howard spoke to the students about medical and health care profes-

sions. High school students learned about opportunities in the United States military, as well as business etiquette and networking; they also participated in an anti-bullying session.

The two programs about animals — at The Naples Zoo and Best Friends Animal Hospital — were among several held for middle school students.

Leslie Escalante, who is 13 and in seventh grade, has since added veterinary doctor to her list of future possibilities. “They explained why it’s a good job, because they really care about animals,” she says.

Leslie was accepted into TIF’s Take Stock in Children scholarship program during the past school year and pledged to maintain good grades and behavior and to meet with her mentor regularly. By fulfilling these promises, she not only will receive a scholarship to a Florida college or university but is also serving as a positive role model for her younger siblings.

Being involved in TIF programs will ensure that Leslie receives the help she needs with schoolwork along the way, as well. Right now, that means math: She’s a straight-A student otherwise, “But math is my hardest subject,” she says. “I just can’t get that one A in math.”

Alex Martinez is 12 and also in seventh grade. Although at this point he wants to be a lawyer or a businessman rather than a veterinarian, he says he learned a lot by participating in the career panel and enjoyed it, too. “I gained a lot of knowledge,” he says.



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Alex is in TIF’s Junior Career Development program, following in the footsteps of his older brother and sister. “They told me what to expect,” he says. Along with other middle school students in the program,

he stays after school a couple of times a week for additional education in reading, writing, math and leadership.

The three professionals from Best Friends Animal Hospital connected with the students easily. “All of us have kids,” Ms. Ingles says, “so it was easy to relate.”

She probably wouldn’t be surprised to learn that Leslie’s family acquired a new family member since the career panel: a mixed breed Yorkie/poodle named Cody. “He mostly likes to run around the house,” the youngster says. ■



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Back to school means back to Girl Scouting

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida invites girls to join the fun and register for the new membership year. Girl Scouts gives girls a supportive space to take chances and try new things.

“When girls are given a safe and supportive environment to take chances, despite the potential for failure, they’re able to experience the emotional impact of risk without damaging consequences,” says Sue Steward, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida.

The variety of activities offered through Girl Scouts — from planning and leading projects to participating in community service and outdoor expeditions — allows girls to gain skills and confidence that also help them do well in school.

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida welcomes girls and their parents to learn more about the opportunities Girl Scouts has to offer. Here’s when and where information meetings are taking place:

Tuesday, Aug. 30: 6:30 p.m. at Calusa Park Elementary School, Naples

Wednesday, Aug. 31: 6:30 p.m. at Tommie Barfield Elementary School, Marco Island

Thursday, Sept. 1: 6:30 p.m. at Pelican Marsh Elementary School, Naples

Tuesday, Sept. 6: 6:45 p.m. at Big Cypress Elementary School, Naples

Wednesday, Sept. 7: 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Elementary School and 6:30 p.m. at Poinciana Elementary School, both in Naples

Thursday, Sept. 8: 6:30 p.m. at Vineyards Elementary School, Naples

Friday, Sept. 9: 6:30 p.m. at Sea Gate Elementary School, Naples

Monday, Sept. 12: 6:30 p.m. at Estates Elementary School, Lake Park Elementary School and Golden Terrace Elementary School, all in Naples

Tuesday, Sept. 13: 6:30 p.m. at Palmetto Elementary School and Sabal Palm Elementary School, both in Naples

Wednesday, Sept. 14: 6:30 p.m. at Avalon Elementary School and Corkscrew Elementary School, both in Naples

Thursday, Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m. at Laurel Oak Elementary School, Naples

Friday, Sept. 16: 6:30 p.m. at Naples Park Elementary School, Naples

Monday, Sept. 19: 6:30 p.m. at Lely Elementary School, Naples

Tuesday, Sept. 20: 6:30 p.m. at Osceola Elementary School, Naples

Thursday, Sept. 22: 6:30 p.m. at Parkside Elementary School, Naples

Membership and program scholarships are available based on financial need. For more information about new Girl Scout registration, call Barbara Van Essen at (800) 232-4475, ext. 404, email barbarav@gsgcf.org or visit gsgcf.org. ■



■ **The Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is Aug. 25. Stamp trading follows the evening’s program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.



■ Members of the **Naples Press Club** are invited to an end-of-summer mixer from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, in the downstairs bar at the club’s new meeting place, Tiburon Golf Club (The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort), 2620 Tiburon Drive. Happy hour menu and bar prices will be in effect. RSVP via email to Rhona Saunders at rhonanaples@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples Wednesday Bridge Club** welcomes new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for \$20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. The next meeting is Aug. 31. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples MacFriends User Group** has hundreds of members who share a passion for all thing Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Aug. 31. For more information, visit naplesmug.com.

■ Phi Beta Phi alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island areas are invited to meet and mingle at “Angels on the Town” from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at M Waterfront Grille in the Village on Venetian Bay. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.



■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. At the Sept. 1 meeting, guest speaker Dennis Giardina, Everglades regional biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will discuss his part in the odyssey to find Florida’s “lost orchids” and bring them back to reestablish the in the Everglades and Big Cypress Basin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Moorings Presbyterian Church is at 791 Harbour Drive. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Sept. 3 and 17. Members are asked to bring their works

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in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald’s. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **The Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Sept. 6. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **The San Marco Knights of Columbus Council #6344** meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Parish Center at 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island. Membership is open to all Catholic men. The Knights sponsor bingo games, spaghetti dinners and Friday night fish dinners with the money collected helping out various charitable organizations in the community. The next meeting is Sept. 6. For more information, call John Caltabiano at 642-9840 or visit marcoknights.com.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. The group will discuss using tagging, groups and other tips to make Facebook an effective social media tool for nonprofits to engage with their supporters and reach new audiences. Membership and admission are free for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations who want to learn more about using technology for advancing their mission, community engagement and fundraising. A light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to birgit.pauli@gmail.com. Learn more at tech4good-swfl.org.



■ **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Sept. 7. Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots’ lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes coffee, pancakes, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Sept. 11.

The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaal067.com.

■ Members of **Republican Women of SWFL Federated** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Brio Restaurant in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is Sept. 7. RSVP by calling 431-5224 or emailing speedysvp@gmail.com.

■ **The Paradise Coast Paddlers Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the North Collier Government Center, 3550 Orange Blossom Drive. The next meeting is Sept. 7. Members also get together to paddle at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month. The next paddle is Aug. 21. All are welcome. For more information, visit [meetup.com/Naples-Marco-](http://meetup.com/Naples-Marco-Island-Paradise-Coast-Paddlers-Club)

Island-Paradise-Coast-Paddlers-Club. Michael Develin is president of the club.

■ Are you new to Naples and interested in making friends? Consider joining the **Naples Newcomers Club**. Lunch meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 8. In addition, members get together to explore Naples through a variety of activities and also enjoy a variety of interests from books to bridge to gourmet cooking. For more information, visit naplesnewcomersnorth.com.



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■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Sept. 8. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester at 289-8268.

■ **The DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive. The next meeting is Sept. 8. Meetings are open to the public, and all levels of photographers are welcome. For more information, visit dpi-sig.org.

■ Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend **Corvettes of Naples** meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 8. For more information, visit corvette-sofnaplesfl.com.

■ **The Naples Christian Women’s Connection** invites area women to lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Options Thrift Shoppe, which benefits The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, will present models wearing selections from the store. Vocalist Ann Dickout will perform, and guest speaker Ann Combs will share tips for decision-making. Cost is \$28. RSVP by calling 514-2207 or emailing cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae** in Southwest Florida are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month from June-October at Brio in Waterside Shops. The next lunch is Sept. 12. For reservations or more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com.

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, Sept. 15, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

The Nissan 370Z Roadster: an endangered species



There's nothing really new about the car on this page. But there are plenty of Floridians who would like to remind you that there is nothing wrong with a little maturity. The Nissan 370Z Roadster is out to show there can be stability and wisdom in the world of a 332-hp drop-top.

This is essentially the same car we've seen for the past seven years, based on a design that's been on the road for 15 years. That might seem like a long time, but a good "Z-car" really does have staying power (the original 240Z-280Z timeline followed a similar path to the current one).

The secret for remaining viable for this amount of time is that Nissan makes some of the most thoughtful sports cars in the industry.

The 370Z is one of the easiest vehicles in its class to drive, own and enjoy.

It starts with a design that's distinctive without being dated. Shark-tooth headlights, large fender flairs and a short rear deck are the kind of things that don't go out of style. In fact, not much of the design has been altered during the 370Z's lifetime, which some people find alluring. As with the original Volkswagen Beetle, when not much changes over the years, every car can appear new with a good wash and wax.

Inside the 370Z is more of the practicality that keeps this Nissan viable in the market. It feels like the designers built the cockpit around real people, which results in comfortable seats with plenty of headroom and legroom.

The 370Z Roadster was one of the first cars in its price class to offer cooled/ventilated seats, which feel great even in a Florida winter.

Even the stick shift models have a little readout built into the tachometer to display what gear is engaged. This might seem like an odd detail, but it acknowledges a real factor: that the driver might miss a gear in the close-pattern six-speed.

What brings the whole package together is the motor. The 3.7-liter V6 is a multi-valve DOHC unit with 332 horsepower and a large 270 lb-ft of torque. If that read like a bunch of technical jargon, just know that out on the road it creates a sports car that's ready to accelerate in any situation, from a stoplight standstill to expressway passing.

This is best utilized with the six-speed manual. There is an optional seven-speed



automatic gearbox, but the stick shift is the wise choice for drivers. The manual is very forgiving, and when paired with the versatile motor, the car happily cruises like it's in overdrive in any of the top half of its gears. Plus, there's plenty of power left in the motor, so passing can happen without downshifting.

There's also a SynchroRev Match feature on the six-speed that aids drivers who really push this Z hard on the backroads. This kind of flexibility isn't found in other sports cars that rely on highly developed low-displacement motors and/or turbochargers.

Alas, the 370Z is an endangered species. The car is reaching the end of

its lifecycle. It will be around for only about another year, and Nissan has not announced a replacement. If there is a successor, the next Z car is likely to have a turbocharged four-cylinder engine, because that's where the heart of the market is today. If so, it will still be fun while becoming more efficient — but it won't be as versatile as this one.

All that said, the Nissan 370Z Roadster is far from perfect. Fully loaded, this drop-top costs \$50K-plus. That price point opens up a world of pre-owned convert-

ibles with more power and a more modern fabric roof that lets in less road noise (the Chevrolet Corvette is a great example). There is no difference in motors across the 370Z's trim lineup, so the trick is to stay as close to the \$42,655 base price as possible. That's where to find the best balance of value and driving pleasure.

A fun open-top car that's powerful enough to enjoy the open road but tame enough to behave in the city is a combo worth embracing. Won't you save the endangered 370Z Roadster? ■

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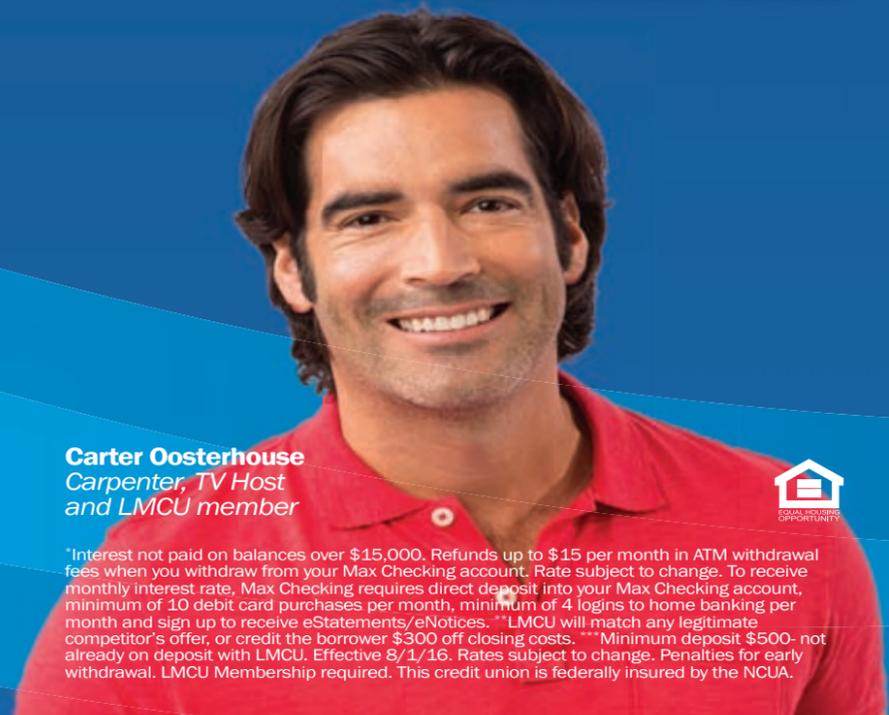
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Conservancy reeling in registrations for annual RedSnook charity tourney

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites anglers to sign up for the 2016 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament set for Nov. 4-6. It starts with a party Friday evening and continues with two full days of fishing and an awards reception.

The kick-off party at the Naples Yacht Club includes cocktails, dinner, raffle and a live auction. It's open to the public in addition to anglers who sign up for the tournament. Tickets can be purchased online.

Anglers will launch from location in Naples, Goodland and Everglades City on Saturday and Sunday. The weekend concludes Sunday evening with a celebratory awards ceremony for anglers and guides at Northern Trust.

The 23rd annual tournament supports efforts to protect Southwest Florida's most valuable natural resource: water. Without clean and abundant water, recreational and sport fishing would not exist. Over the years, the event has enabled the Conservancy to provide assistance and expertise to water quality projects at the local, state and federal levels; create the Estuaries Report Card rating the condition of the region's vital waters; work to limit the amount

of pollution from the north that enters Southwest Florida's water; research and monitor juvenile gamefish habitats; help restore the Western Everglades and Ten Thousand Islands; and work to protect environmental landmarks such as the Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress, Estero Bay, the Coo-hatchee Slough and the Caloo-

sahatchee River.

"Our annual tournament not only provides the community and local anglers with a weekend of fun on the water, it also plays a great role in furthering our mission of protecting Southwest Florida's natural resources," says Rob Moher, Conservancy of Southwest Florida president and CEO. "We hope to continue making positive strides in advocating for the resources that our community holds dear, and we look forward to another great tournament that will allow our programs to keep Southwest Florida waterways clean, safe and beautiful for future generations."

For more information, including how to register or sponsor a team, call Nikkie Dvorchak at 403-4219, email nikkied@conservancy.org or visit conservancy.org/redsnook. ■



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New World Order

Australians are about to learn how particular some people are about their genders. Queensland University of Technology and three other sponsors have created an online preference survey (currently underway) that asks participants to decide among 33 “genders” (since “gender” is, according to the World Health Organization, “socially constructed”). “Male” and “female” are

clear enough — but only where “identity” matches plumbing. Otherwise, it’s “trans” or “transsexual,” or else the more complicated bigender, omnigender, polygender, pangender, intergender, genderfluid, “cisgender,” trigender, demigender, “gender non-conforming,” “non-binary,” “none gender” and a few others.

Latest religious messages

India has supposedly outlawed the “baby-tossing” religious test popular among Hindus and Muslims in rural villages in Maharashtra and Karnataka states, but a July *New York Times* report suggested that parents were still allowing surrogates to drop their newborn

infants from 30 feet up and awaiting the gods’ blessing for a prosperous, healthy life. In all cases, according to the report, the gods come through, and a bedsheet appears below to catch the unharmed baby.

Government in action

■ More federal civilian employees have “arrest and firearms authority” than the total number of active-duty U.S. Marines, according to a June report by the organization Open The Books, which claims to have tallied line-by-line expenditures across the government. Several agencies (including the IRS and EPA) purchase assault weapons and other military-grade equipment (camouflage, night-vision goggles, 30-round magazines) for their agents, and even the Small Business Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Department of Education buy their agents guns and ammo.

■ San Diego Padres outfielder Melvin Upton Jr. was traded on July 23 to the Toronto Blue Jays — in the middle of a series between the Padres and the Blue Jays in Toronto. Normally, such a player would merely gather his belongings and walk down the hall to the other team’s locker room. However, while Canada treats Blue Jays’ opponents as “visitors,” Blue Jays players, themselves, are Canadian employees, and if not residents must have work permits. Upton had to leave the stadium and drive to Lewiston, N.Y., which is the closest place he could find to apply to re-enter Canada properly. (He made it back by game time.)

Leading economic indicators

Shrewd tourism campaigns: (1) Since Bulgaria, on Romania’s southern border, lies close to Romania’s iconic Transylvania region, Bulgarian tourism officials have begun marketing their own vampire tourism industry — stepped up following a 2014 archaeological find of a 4th-century “graveyard” of adolescents with iron stakes through their

chests. (2) The new tourism minister of Thailand is threatening to close down the lucrative sex business in Bangkok and Pattaya, even with the country still rallying from a 2014 near-recession. Ms. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul insisted that visitors are not interested in “such a thing (as sex)” but come for Thailand’s “beautiful” culture.

The continuing crisis

Horniness: (1) A year-long, nationwide investigation by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (reporting in May) found more than 2,400 doctors penalized for sexually abusing their patients — with state medical boards ultimately allowing more than half to continue practicing medicine. Some doctors, a reporter noted, are among “the most prolific sex offenders in the country,” with “hundreds” of victims. (2) District

Judge Joseph Boeckmann (in Arkansas’s rural Cross County) resigned in May after the state Judicial Discipline committee found as many as 4,500 nude or semi-nude photos of young men who had been before Boeckmann in court. (Some were naked, being paddled by Boeckmann, who trolled for victims by writing young men notes offering a “community service” option).

For good measure

(1) Rhys Holman pleaded guilty to a firearms charge in Melbourne, Australia, in July for shooting 53 bullets into his brother’s Xbox. (The brother had urinated on Holman’s car.) (2) Mauricio

Morales-Caceres, 24, was sentenced to life in prison by a Montgomery County, Maryland, judge in July following his April conviction for fatally stabbing a “friend” — 89 times.

Celebrity news

(1) Police in Southampton, N.Y., confirmed a July altercation in which model Christie Brinkley water-hosed a woman she had spotted urinating on her beachfront property. Erica Remkus, 36, said her need was urgent after watching a July 4 fireworks show, but Brinkley shouted, “How dare you!” and, “I walk on these rocks (where Remkus had relieved

herself).” (2) Also in July, actor Brooke Shields made the news when she — as a curator of an art show in Southampton, N.Y. — managed to rescue a piece that custodians had inadvertently tossed into the garbage. (The cleanup crew had made an understandable mistake, as the statue was a raccoon standing next to a trashcan, ready to rummage.) ■

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The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is looking for volunteers in the following areas: public relations, finance, educational and social activities, the annual walk and general office duties. Volunteer orientation sessions take place at 3:30 p.m. on the last Monday of every month. The next session is Monday, Aug. 29.

PASFI also holds weekly speech therapy classes starting at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday. Two support groups meet at 10:30 a.m. following the therapy: one for people with PD and a separate one for their caregivers.

Volunteer training, speech therapy classes and the support groups all meet at PASFI headquarters at 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road, Suite 201. For more information, call 417-3465 or email pasfi@aol.com. ■

Discover yourself during six-week spiritual intensive

Registration is underway for the next spiritual intensive meditation program based on the teachings of Eckhart Tolle. Weekly meetings for "Discovering Your True Self" will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Cost is \$35 for the six weeks.

Sign up at EventBrite.com or send a check or money order (made payable to Donna Carty, 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34110).

The spiritual intensive aligns with the Southwest Florida Blue Zones Initiative Power of 9 Principles (No. 3: Down Shift). Each session begins with a meditation guided by Naples resident Linda Allen, a longtime student of Mr. Tolle and a facilitator of his teachings.

Participation is limited to the first 50 people who sign up by Sept. 30. For more information, call Ms. Carty at 784-7734 or email journeytopresence@gmail.com. ■



Study links two genes to breast cancer survival

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Testing for the activity of two genes could pick out women who are at increased risk of dying from their breast cancers, suggests a new study of almost 2,000 patients.

Women whose tumors had a specific pattern of activity in the two genes were three times as likely to die within 10 years as others with a different pattern of activity.

Scientists at The Institute of Cancer Research, London, spotted the pattern of gene activity among breast cancer cells with a particular ability to escape from the glue that normally holds them in place.

They believe the genes could play a key role in releasing cells from this glue — known as the extracellular matrix — so they can spread round the body.

The research, funded by The Institute of Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Now, could be used to develop tests for aggressive breast cancers, or even to identify new targets for cancer treatment.

The study, published in the journal

"Oncotarget," looked at breast cancer cells that were positive for the protein HER2 — the target for the drug Herceptin, which is found in around 20 percent of tumors.

The ICR researchers developed a new image-based screening technique in order to identify cancer cells that didn't stick to the protein laminin — which helps build scaffolding around cells to glue them together.

They found that these cells tended to have high activity in a gene called F12 and low activity in another called STC2.

When the researchers analyzed the same genes among 1,964 breast cancers, they found that this pattern of activity was strongly linked to survival.

Women whose tumors had high F12 activity and low STC2 activity had a 32 percent chance of dying within 10 years, whereas those with low F12 activity and high STC2 activity had only a 10 percent chance of dying.

More research is needed to establish how these genes could interfere with the extracellular matrix and help cancer cells grow and spread.

"Survival rates for breast cancer are now much higher than they were a few

decades ago, but the disease remains deadly once it has spread round the body," said Dr. Paul Huang, leader of the protein networks team at the Institute of Cancer Research. "Our study sheds light on how cancer cells unstick themselves from healthy tissue, and it could help pick out women at high risk of their cancer spreading and becoming fatal."

Prof. Paul Workman, chief executive of The Institute of Cancer, said, "We found that the activity of two genes which may help control how tightly cells are glued together is linked to breast cancer survival. If the results are confirmed in larger studies, it could give us a new way of assessing women's survival chances in the clinic, and adjusting treatment accordingly."

"We have seen major strides in the treatment of breast cancer, but once it begins to spread round the body it is still often fatal," Mr. Workman said. "This new study helps us understand some of the processes that control how breast cancers spread, and identifies a pattern of genetic activity that could be used to pick out women particularly at risk." ■

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NCH Primary Stroke Center program makes strides in the journey to improve



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What exactly do we mean when we talk about NCH being on a constant “journey” to improve?

One answer can be found in our Primary Stroke Center program, which was first certified in 2014 and is a premier facility for treating a disease that is the No. 5 cause of death in the United States and a leading cause of disability.

Almost 90 percent of all stroke care in Collier County is provided by NCH.

The mission of the Primate Stroke Center program is to provide prevention, education and optimal care for stroke patients through the use of evidence-based practices and advanced technology, while ensuring dignity and compassion for each person we serve.

We have been accredited by the Florida Agency for Healthcare Accreditation as a comprehensive stroke center and received a Gold Plus Award from the American Heart Association. We have also been recognized in the “Get with the Guidelines” Stroke Honor Roll with an Elite Plus Award for the past two years.

Our Primary Stroke Center program recently underwent another successful recertification by The Joint Commission, earning a great review by an independent examiner who concluded her review by suggesting that we go further to apply for the commission’s coveted Comprehensive Stroke Center designation. And so we shall.

Continuing excellence is the goal of Dr. R. Viktoria Totoraitis, vascular neurologist; Dr. Mazen AbuAwad, interventional radiologist; Brenda Hartmann, RN, MSN, SCRN System Stroke Coordinator; and Diana Trupiano, MSN, RN, SCRN Stroke Navigator. Along with the able help of a team including the ER and our radiology, rehabilitation, laboratory and transportation departments as well as Emergency Medical Services, these caregivers last year served 1,200 people suffering strokes. As important as our overall record of performance is, it is the individual stories of heroism that are most compelling.

Dr. AbuAwad told me of a gentleman who had a complete blockage of the carotid artery (the major supplier of blood to half of the brain). As the possibility of paralysis loomed, we collaborated with our neurosurgeon colleagues at Mayo Jacksonville, through our Mayo Clinic Care Network, who performed a complex and unusual bypass procedure taking blood flow from the remaining good side to “feed” the blocked side.

All worked well for the patient for a short time, but unfortunately the bypass began to clog up and the patient’s physical signs worsened. Dr. AbuAwad and the Mayo neurovascular surgeon called a noted colleague in Japan for advice. Together, they came up with a plan for Dr. AbuAwad to direct a catheter to the compromised graft and gently dilate. The patient’s blood flow improved and his weakness disappeared. When he awoke, he cried tears of joy at this “miracle” of international medical collaboration.

All of us at NCH are proud to be associated with such competence, diligence, teamwork and excellence that truly distinguish not only our stroke center, but our entire team of caregivers, as we continue our never-ending journey to improve the lives of our families, friends and neighbors. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

YMCA will host second annual diabetes conference

The second annual Naples Diabetes Conference is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Greater Naples YMCA. The event is a collaboration of the Y with the Naples-based Help a Diabetic Child Foundation and the Health Care Network of Southwest Florida. The NCH Healthcare System, Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Florida Diabetes Institute, University of South Florida Diabetes

Center and the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation are partners this year.

Organizers are seeking corporate supporters and vendors to help offset the costs of putting on the conference.

Attendance is open to the general public as well as health-care professionals. Breakout sessions and continuing education credits will be available. Tickets start at \$10 (need-based scholarships available). Reservations can be made at eventbrite.com (search for Naples diabetes). ■

DLC offers free help for parents facing challenges

Parents of children of all ages can benefit from two free programs being offered this fall by the David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families.

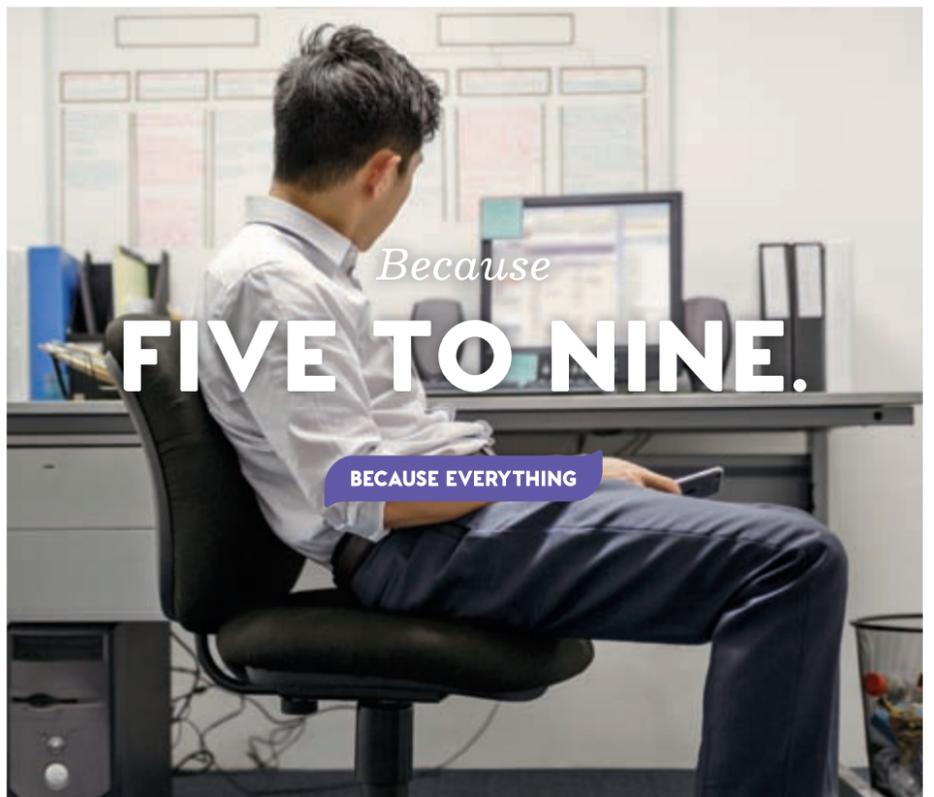
“Parenting Today” is a video and discussion-based series that provides tools to assist parents of youngsters ages 5-12 with improving communication, stimulating independence, teaching responsibility and disciplining in ways that work. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 5.

“Parenting Teens” provides tools for

parents of adolescents ages 13-18 who present behavioral challenges. Program participants receive education on preventing and intervening in the child’s negative choices, addressing problematic behavior, changing destructive behavior, rebuilding family relationships and identifying and understanding issues of drug use, violence and sexuality. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 6.

If enough interest is expressed, each course will also be presented in Spanish.

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PET TALES

Chocolate fix:

Lots of dogs love chocolate, but it doesn't love them

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Who doesn't love chocolate? It's the stuff of celebrations, holidays and romance. It's filled with feel-good chemicals, and there's even evidence that it's good for our health.

Dogs love chocolate as much as we do, based on the number of stories I've heard about canines who crave the sweet stuff. Just about every week, I see or hear from clients whose dogs have gotten into a box of designer chocolates or a bag of Snickers bars or M&Ms. I even remember one Christmas when my brother Bobby's late Yorkie, Buddy, ate an entire 1-pound box of Godiva chocolates.

But while dogs who OD on chocolate might get the same flavor enjoyment from it that we do, it's not so good for their health. Chocolate contains both caffeine and a substance called theobromine. Both are plant alkaloids, mildly stimulating to humans, but toxic to dogs, who aren't able to process theobromine as efficiently as humans.

Now, I hear stories all the time about dogs who suffer no ill effects after eating a whole batch of homemade fudge, a bag of Hershey's kisses, a chocolate muffin or cookies dipped in dark chocolate. That's because chocolate's toxic effects — known as chocolate toxicosis — vary depending on the size of the dog, the amount and type of chocolate eaten, and individual sensitivity.

Small dogs, like 6-pound Buddy, are at



Dogs are most likely to break into your chocolate stash, but it's toxic to cats and birds, too.

greater risk than the typical 100-pound Labrador retriever. And dogs who eat chocolate candy adulterated with lots of sugar are usually less at risk than those sophisticated canines who ingest high-quality dark chocolate.

"The darker and more bitter the chocolate, the more toxic it is," says Justine Lee, DVM, who's double board-certified in toxicology and emergency and critical-care medicine. "White and milk chocolate have less theobromine, the poisonous chemical, compared to baking chocolate."

That doesn't mean that milk chocolate is necessarily safe. One ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight is a potentially lethal dose in dogs.

Usually, when dogs down too much chocolate, they vomit it back up. If they ate a 2-pound bag of M&Ms, you might come home to rainbow-colored vomit on your carpet.

Sometimes the evidence comes out the

other end. Barbara Davis of Corona, California, had an English springer spaniel with a chocolate fetish.

"One time she consumed an entire sack of Kraft Fudgies, including the little gold plastic wrappers," Davis says. "At that time I was living in Manhattan, and it raised quite a few eyebrows as people observed my dog pooping gold in the curb on 52nd Street."

If they're going to have a problem, most dogs start to vomit, have diarrhea or become unusually thirsty within six to 12 hours of ingesting chocolate. Restlessness and a distended abdomen are also signs. More severe side effects such as seizures, a racing heart (tachycardia) and high or low blood pressure can also occur.

Death by chocolate isn't just the name of a dessert. Dogs who are highly sensitive to theobromine or who ingest the more toxic dark forms of chocolate, such as cocoa powder or unsweetened baking chocolate, can die from cardiac arrhythmias, hyperthermia or respiratory failure.

Another factor is the possible presence of xylitol, a sugar alcohol, in some chocolate products. It's highly toxic to dogs and may be of more concern than the chocolate itself.

My brother's dog Buddy indeed needed a trip to the veterinary clinic, but I'm happy to report that he survived the incident.

When in doubt, Dr. Lee advises, contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) or other pet poison hotline for life-saving advice. They can advise whether or not it's a poisoning concern. ■

Pets of the Week

Adoption fees for all black cats sheltered at **Humane Society Naples** are waived through August. While many bewitching felines have found forever homes so far, there are lots more still looking. Take one home and qualify for a drawing for a cat tree from PetSmart valued at \$200.



>> **Erza** is a mellow, good-natured love bug whose favorite place is wherever the people are.



>> **Juliet** just needs to find her Romeo. She's a petite 1-year-old with grace and charm.



>> **Lilly Bell** and the Japanese believe that black cats bring good luck.



>> **Star** is sweet 1-year-old whose playfulness cranks up as soon as she spots a laser.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

In search of a post-Olympics television fix



Hi, my name is Stephanie, and I'm a recovering Olympaholic.

I still can't believe the 2016 Summer Olympics are over. For a solid two weeks, I was glued to the games — from the dramatic theme music to the skillfully produced commercials (the Proctor & Gamble spot dedicated to Olympic moms will forever grab my heartstrings and bring tears) to the unforgettable moments of hearing our nation's anthem played while one of our own stood high and proud on the podium. It was an amazing two weeks that had me hanging on every fabulous televised second.

Now that the finale has played and dear, exhausted Bob Costas is (hopefully) enjoying a well-deserved cruise to somewhere other than Brazil, I'm faced with the conundrum of what to watch every night, because I'm pretty sure Netflix won't be able to offer me anything that can hold a candle to gymnast Simone Biles soaring through the air with head over heels or hips under knees, or Michael Phelps making it on live TV to the most decorated Olympian of all time (28 medals!), or beach volleyball star Kerri Walsh Jennings still killing it on the court at age 38.

My husband and I had just started the really good action series "Orphan Black" on Amazon when the Olympics interrupted our roll. Before that, we'd finished season



Olympic champion Simone Biles of the United States kept us glued to the television for two weeks during the Olympics. So now what?

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four of "Orange Is The New Black" and binged through all eight episodes of "Stranger Things" on Netflix in a mere three days. (Have you seen it yet? You must!)

Like no other TV drama, the Olympics sucked me in. I found myself jumping up from the couch and screaming at Katie Ledecky, "GO, GO, GO!!" as she dominated the pool.

When Usain Bolt ran, I pumped my fists right along with him. And I'm not going to lie: While watching the men's diving competition, I was awed by the talent of the athletes and equally impressed by

their ability to accomplish such great feats in such itty-bitty, wee, teeny-tiny Speedos. Well done, boys — well done, indeed — and thank you.

The lady who really made me want to get up in the morning and do something other than drink coffee and check Facebook was Oksana Chusovitana, the 41-year-old gymnast from Uzbekistan. This veteran athlete was competing at her seventh Olympic games. She earned her first medal when she was a teenager and, according to an interview with *The New York Times*, says she'll be back for the

2020 games in Tokyo at age 45.

And yet, I'm busily logging my steps on my FitBit as I stroll through Publix picking up a rotisserie chicken and a box of Chardonnay.

Oh, Olympics, I'm going to miss you. But I'm no slouch: If ever I need motivation to go to the gym, I have women's beach volleyball (U.S.A. vs. Brazil) saved on my DVR. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*

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“So, interpersonal interactions aren’t limited to the dyads that comprise them. Rather, they’re embedded in a complex and dynamic work environment, and this means their effects are much more complicated.”

— **Trevor Foulk**, a doctoral candidate in the School of Management at the University of Florida, Gainesville



Study notes effects of brown-nosing on new employees, colleagues in the workplace

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Opinions, impressions, intuitions, feelings, and distinct reactions — not many American adults lack one of the above when it comes to the workplace practice of “brown-nosing.”

Brown-nosing, aka kissing ass, cozying up, kissing up or in academic terms “ingratiating,” is the habit of personally soliciting individuals of higher authority or rank for gain at work.

But it can be misunderstood or wrongly identified. And its effect in the workplace may be positive, especially for beginning employees watching others ingratiate themselves, according to a

new study by two researchers published in The Journal of Applied Psychology.

“If you could sit down with your supervisor for an hour and talk, that would be the best way to form an impression, but we don’t all have that opportunity,” explains Trevor Foulk, a doctoral candidate in the School of Management at the University of Florida, Gainesville. He conducted the study with a colleague, David Long, from Virginia’s College of William and Mary.

As a result, the researchers say, when new employees see others who praise bosses, make queries about personal matters or offer favors, they tend to

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■ **“Board Recruitment and Engagement”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Susan Suarez, CFRE, Suarez and Associates, and Debbie Mathews Finch, Mathews Finch Consulting Group, will discuss the best strategies for engaging board members in the priority work of boards: governance and fundraising.

The workshop will be held in the Stock Building, John White Community Room on the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way.

■ **“The Brand Called You”** is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Mei-Chan Kirk, former president of *The News-Press*, will discuss how to position and distinguish your nonprofit as the brand of choice. She will also explain how to increase influence, fulfill potential and make an even greater impact on the community. To conclude the workshop, she will provide a review of brand-



ing fundamentals and benefits, as well as focus on the participants and their own personal brands.

The workshop will be held in the Kleist Community Room on the Fort Myers campus, 4501 Colonial Blvd.

■ **“Nonprofit Governance and Fundraising”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Donna Gillroy, president of Gillroy + Associates Inc., will discuss the current construct on staff/governance roles and responsibilities best practices, voices of national experts on the millennial generation and demographic

shifts in Collier and Lee counties that could influence participants’ thinking.

The workshop will be held in the Stock Building, John White Community Room on the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way.

Registration is \$35 per workshop. Those who attend four workshops in each area (governance, operations or management) can earn a noncredit certificate in the topic area.

For a full list of upcoming workshops and to sign up for the above sessions, visit hodges.edu/cne.

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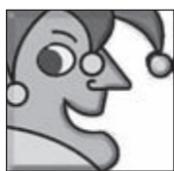


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- **Series EE Bonds:** These have replaced the Series E bonds. Their current interest rate (through October 2016) is fixed, recently at 0.10 percent.

- **Series H or HH Bonds:** You may still hold these bonds, but you can't buy new ones anymore. They've been discontinued.

- **I Bonds:** These offer inflation protection, with their interest rate a combination of a fixed rate (established at the time of purchase) and a floating rate that's adjusted every six months based on the Consumer Price Index for urban users (CPI-U). The most recent composite interest rate is 0.26 percent.

The bonds above are exempt from state and local taxes. (EE and I Bonds have the additional tax advantage of tax deferral, and can be tax-free if used for qualified higher-

education expenses.) They can be purchased commission-free at savingsbonds.gov and sometimes also through your local bank or other financial institution.

Savings bonds are not at their most attractive right now, with interest rates so low, so consider other (albeit riskier) alternatives, too, such as healthy dividend-paying stocks. Other low-risk, low-interest options include Treasury bills, with maturities up to a year, and Treasury notes, with maturities between two and 10 years.

Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) are another possibility. They're Treasuries, not savings bonds, but they offer inflation protection and are exempt from state and local taxes. The interest rate on TIPS stays the same, but the principal is adjusted to keep up with inflation. TIPS are sold via auction, with the interest rate set at that time, and with maturities of five, 10 or 30 years. While savings bonds are not generally traded, TIPS can be bought and sold in the secondary market — making them more volatile than bonds. ■

My Dumbest Investment

IPO Impatience

My dumbest investment was buying stock in the electric-car maker Tesla near when it had its IPO for around \$17 or \$18 per share — and then selling those shares when they hit \$24. As you know, shares were recently trading for around \$230 apiece.

— R.R., online

The Fool Responds: You lost out on having a “12-bagger” in your portfolio — a stock that has increased in value twelvefold. It's not necessarily the dumb mistake that you think it is, though. The IPO (initial public offering) — when a company first issues shares of itself to trade on the open market — did rather well, popping by more than 40 percent on its first day and then generally growing in value, though not in a straight line.

Many IPOs are not that successful, and studies have shown that most tend to underperform similar counterparts during the first five years. It's usually better to wait for newly IPOed companies to have a few years of public performance behind them before investing, giving the initial excitement a chance to die down. Remember, too, that few of us can ever buy IPO shares at their lower initial price — those generally go to the well-connected.

Tesla's future is far from certain at this point, keeping many investors away. It's off to a strong start with its well-received cars, but other carmakers are coming out with more electric vehicles, too. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1912, when I was the Metal Office Furniture Co., based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (This was notable, as Grand Rapids was known for wood furniture.) My first product, in 1914, was an innovative wastebasket made of steel that was strong, inexpensive, fireproof and “indestructible.” In 1934 I patented suspension file cabinets. In 1942 I won a contract to equip U.S. naval ships with lightweight steel furnishings. Today, I'm a leading office furniture company, with annual sales of about \$3 billion. I employ close to 10,000 people and support more than 650 dealers. Who am I? (Answer: Steelcase) ■



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Protect Yourself

QHow much personal liability insurance is it smart to buy?

— H.M., Leyden, Wisconsin

AIt all depends on how much money you have to lose if you're sued. Add up the value of your home, your belongings and your financial assets. Tack on some more for legal costs. (Insurance companies will sometimes provide a lawyer.) The goal is to protect yourself so that a lawsuit won't wipe you out or cause major financial difficulties.

If your value total is rather hefty, look into getting an “umbrella” personal liability policy from your insurance company or another. Umbrella policies generally offer much more liability coverage (\$1 million or more) at much lower premiums than individual policies such as homeowners, renters and automobile insurance. If you have a lot to lose, you can increase your protection with an umbrella policy. Learn more at sites such as investopedia.com/personalfinance/insurance and iii.org.

QCan I buy fewer than 100 shares of a company's stock?

— M.B., Northlakes, North Carolina

AYes. You can buy just one share, but if it costs \$20 and you're paying a \$10 trading commission, you're down 50 percent immediately. It's better to try not to pay more than 1 or 2 percent of your trade's value in commissions — so with a \$10 commission, aim to spend (or reap) \$500 or more.

You might, alternatively, buy stock directly from a company, such as through a dividend reinvestment plan (a “Drip”), where you can get fractions of shares at a time. For example, a \$50 contribution would buy you half a share of a \$100 stock. Learn more about Drips at fool.com/school/drips.htm and directinvesting.com, and in “Dividend Stocks for Dummies” by Lawrence Carrel (For Dummies, \$25). ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1837, when an Illinois blacksmith made a polished-steel plow. Today, I'm an agriculture, construction, turf and forestry equipment giant. I make everything from sugarcane harvesters to riding lawn mowers to log harvesters to articulated dump trucks to golf course equipment. In the past I've even built bicycles and homes — and during World War II, I made military tractors, ammunition, aircraft parts, and cargo and mobile



laundry units, among other things. While losing money in the Great Depression, I carried indebted farmers, boosting loyalty. My market value recently topped \$25 billion. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Chipping Away

NXP Semiconductors (NASDAQ: NXPI) is the world's largest automotive chipmaker, and it also supplies the smartphone industry and others with chips.

The company is a long-term play on the interconnectedness of everything, often referred to as “the Internet of Things,” or IoT. NXP's offerings help devices communicate with one another, such as a smartphone communicating payment information to a point-of-sale device via near-field communication chips.

This technology isn't going to blossom overnight, but rather over the course of five to 15 years. It's been estimated that the global IoT market could be worth \$14.4 trillion by 2022.

Also working in NXP's favor is its 2015 merger with Freescale Semiconductor,

which created the fourth-largest semiconductor company in the world, if you exclude memory developers. It cemented NXP as the market leader in general-purpose microcontroller products, mobile payment-based semiconductor solutions and automotive semiconductor solutions.

On top of expected cost synergies tied to the merger, the deal is also expected to give NXP much-improved leverage on pricing with its customers, which should ultimately help improve its profit margins.

With NXP's recent price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio well below its five-year average, it appears to be a promising long-term investment. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended NXP Semiconductors.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

- **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next general membership meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at The Club at Olde Cypress. Guest speaker will be David Cobb, regional director for Metrostudy in South Florida. The evening's sponsor is the Law Office of Sam J. Saad III. \$30 for CBIA and Naples Area Board of Realtors members, \$50 for others. Sign up by emailing nancy@cbia.net.

- Members and guests of the **Above Board Chamber** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Hilton Naples. The program, “How to Get Discovered by the Media,” will be a panel discussion of representatives of various local media outlets. \$25 for Above Board members, \$30 for guests. RSVP at aboveboardchamber.com.

- The next **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Hilton Naples. The morning's sponsor is The United Way of Collier County. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

- The next luncheon in the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's Power Networking** series takes place from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Artichoke & Company, 11920 Saradrienne Lane. Steve Blount of Blount Law will discuss ways for small business owners to avoid common legal snags. \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Sign up by Sept. 9 by calling 992-2943 or visiting bonitaspringschamber.com.

- Members of the **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** meet for Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the SpeakEasy Marco Island, 1106 N. Collier Blvd. For more information, email Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

- The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its 49th annual meeting, installation of officers and awards presentations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The 40th annual Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year award will also be presented. For ticket or information about sponsorships, call 992-2943.

- **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Com-

merce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit napleschamber.org.

- **Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

- **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

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Cisco, gambling on Internet of Things, a good buy for investors

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IoT. An acronym virtually unheard of a few years ago that is now at the strategic core of some of the largest technology companies of the world. This is one of the key challenges facing investors today — the incredibly rapid pace of innovation and with it wealth creation and destruction.

In the past, great companies took decades to rise and fall. Today, a corporation can be the largest in the world one minute and just a few years later barely be visible on investors' radar.

A company that illustrates this rapid rise and fall is Cisco Systems. Just 15 years ago the most valuable company in the world, Cisco is now attempting to find its place in a swiftly changing landscape. In 2013 it fired 4,000 employees, in 2014 it fired 6,000 workers and just last week the company announced another round of layoffs affecting 5,500 people. So what is going on at Cisco? Is this a good investment? And what can we learn from the turmoil surrounding this company?

Cisco Systems was founded in 1984 by two Stanford University computer science professionals and the company went public in 1990 at a market capitalization of around \$225 million. Cisco (abbreviated from the city San Francisco) basically made devices that allowed

computers to communicate with each other over the new phenomenon, the internet.

And in the 90s and early 2000s, Cisco dominated this explosive area of technology. By 2000, the company was worth over \$500 billion. Cisco looked to be unstoppable and analysts believed the company would dominate for decades to come.

But then came the dot-com crash. And newly formed companies like Juniper Networks and more established names like Alcatel-Lucent found better ways to transfer data over the internet. Cisco's value and earnings plummeted as a result, with its stock price falling almost 90 percent. Cisco was forced to slash its

workforce and find a new direction.

Today Cisco is attempting to return to its glory days by focusing its attention in two main areas.

The first is cloud computing and data storage where the company faces significant competition from the likes of Amazon and Microsoft.

And the second is IoT, which holds significant promise for Cisco. IoT stands for the Internet of Things and many believe this is the future of technology. Today, the internet is dominated by computers, tablets and smart phones. But many believe that in just a few years almost all new electronic devices from cars to home appliances will be networked together online.

Imagine that your smart phone's calendar knows you are having a cocktail party. It can "talk" with your refrigerator to know that you need more beer and on your way home route your car to a grocery store that is having a sale on your favorite brand — and pre-order it for you so it is ready for you when you arrive.

By leveraging its ability to network computers, Cisco hopes to dominate this IoT future. To this end, it recently spent \$1.4 billion to acquire Jasper, a leading IoT platform. If Cisco is successful in this venture, the company may reclaim its place as the most dominant and valuable technology company in the world. Currently, it trades at a relatively low P/E of around 15 and pays a healthy dividend of 3.4 percent, so it is not like the company has huge valuation hurdles to overcome and investors can cash nice dividend checks as they wait. I think Cisco is definitely a company to keep on a growth investor's radar.

But thinking beyond Cisco, the company's saga teaches a powerful lesson about reviewing the companies in your portfolio. Assumptions about future profitability must be constantly analyzed and challenged. High market share today does not automatically mean high market share tomorrow. Even great companies like Apple and Walmart are learning that they must constantly innovate to survive. Smart investors will need to determine which companies are succeeding in responding to a rapidly changing market place and which are just holding on to past successes and respond accordingly. ■

ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

MY Shower Door / D3 Glass has made the INC Magazine Top 5,000 Fastest Growing Business in the United States list for the second consecutive year. The company has more than 65 employees working from Marco Island to Orlando, with retail operations in Naples, Fort Myers, Sarasota, Tampa, St. Petersburg and opening soon in Orlando. MY Shower Door / D3 Glass has previously been named Small Business of the Year by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Entrepreneur of the Year by the Collier County EDC and Family-Owned Small Business of the Year by the Small Business Association. Locally, the company has been involved in projects including the Hertz Corp. global headquarters, the Lee Memorial Health Systems Lifestyle Center in Bonita Bay and the newest towers at Kalea Bay in North Naples. It has supplied Trump's Doral Resort in Miami, Disney's Grand Floridian Villas in Orlando and the newest executive suites in Disney's Contemporary Hotel, Orlando.

Connect Florida has named the following Southwest Florida young professionals to Class VII of its Statewide Leadership Institute: King, revenue management analyst I, Hertz Corp.; **Tony Lee III**, director of major gifts, Florida Gulf Coast University; and **Cee Cee Marinelli**, director of commercial real estate, Barron Collier Companies.

Advertising & Marketing

Donna Baldwin has joined Greenfield Advertising Group as business manager responsible for all accounting and billing functions for the Southwest Florida-based marketing and media

firm. Ms. Baldwin attended Indiana State University and the University of Indianapolis, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting. She has worked as an accountant and office manager for several companies in Southwest Florida and Indiana. Greenfield Advertising Group serves clients in the areas of retail, medical, clinical studies, and the restaurant industries.

Commercial Leasing

Lara Bargar has joined Miromar Development Corp. as leasing executive for Miromar Outlets, Miromar Design Center and other Miromar projects. Ms. Bargar brings more than 15 years of experience in commercial real estate specializing in retail, office, industrial and mixed-use spaces. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Campbell University in North Carolina. She is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, Business Networking International and the Southwest Florida Commercial Alliance.



BARGAR

Health Care

Jessica Medlin, RN, has been named director of nursing at Vi at Bentley Village, a continuing care retirement community in North Naples. Ms. Medlin helps manage the quality of care and services provided to residents



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of Bentley Care Center, which includes skilled nursing and memory support accommodations, working with the care center administrator as well as with residents' personal physicians and the consulting medical director. She has more than 12 years of experience in nursing, including nearly 10 years in leadership roles. She holds an associate's degree in nursing from Delaware Technical and Community College. She belongs to the American Nurses Association and holds certifications in telemetry, wound care education, infection control, IV and basic life support.

Dr. Brandon Madia has joined the David Lawrence Center as a fulltime staff psychiatrist in acute care services. He will provide psychiatric assessments, medical care and crisis stabilization services to adults in the emergency services assessment center and the Crossroads inpatient detoxification unit and inpatient crisis stabilization unit.



MADIA

He earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Lake Erie College in Erie, Pa., and completed his residency in adult psychiatry at Larkin Community Hospital in South Miami. Prior to joining David Lawrence Center, he served as a psychiatrist at The Recovery Village in Umatilla. He belongs to the American Psychiatric Association, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

Susan Resnik, ARNP, has joined the David Lawrence Center in the department of adult outpatient medical services. Ms. Resnik is certified as a family psy-

chiatric mental health nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and has significant experience with psychiatric and dual diagnosis treatment throughout the state of Florida. Prior to the David Lawrence Center, she worked as an ARNP in outpatient physician services at SMA Behavioral Healthcare in Daytona Beach. She was also previously employed at LifeStream Behavioral Center in Leesburg, where she treated adults, children/adolescents and geriatric patients. She has also worked at NCH and the Hazelden Foundation. She earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix in Orlando and completed a post-master's psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program at the University of South Alabama. She is president of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association-Florida Chapter and belongs to the American Nurses Association, the International Nurses Honor Society Sigma Theta Tau, the Central Florida Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners Group and the Golden Key National Honor Society in Education.

Human Resources

Denise Perchall has joined AccessPoint as business development manager for the company's Bonita Springs office. She has experience in offering small and midsize businesses a wide range of human resource services and employee benefits. She worked for 18 years with Sarasota-based Progressive Employer Management Co., where her role spanned the HR, payroll, accounting, client services, operations and sales departments. ■



PERCHALL

KISSING

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develop more positive impressions of a boss's warmth and value, something that doesn't happen with veteran employees; they usually discount kissing up as a reliable source of information.



FOULK

"This study shows that this behavior can affect our impressions of others," Mr. Foulk says. "If you're a newcomer and I want you to like the supervisor, I can manage your impression by ingratiating the supervisor in front of you. It's almost like throwing your voice."

For men and women who have or had careers in Florida — both bosses and workers alike — reactions to kissing up range from tolerant or amused to indignant or disgusted.

"I've never run into (a brown-noser) in Palmdale — it might be nice," says Patty Thielen Register, owner with her husband Allen of the celebrated roadside home of Florida reptiles, Gatorama, in Palmdale.

People who work at Gatorama may spend so much time kissing up to alligators and crocodiles — very carefully — that they don't have time to ingratiate themselves with mere bosses who won't try to eat them. But that isn't the case elsewhere.

Lalai Hamric, former CEO of Lee Family Health Centers, has seen many a brown-noser in her time.

"I've been the boss. I've seen the kisses that are so insincere it's nauseating. I've been taken advantage of by my vulnerability — (and) I've been touched by truly sincere, caring employees.

"I've also been guilty of misjudging a good person because I was lied to by bad ones I thought to be good. For that I'll be forever sorry. Bosses are just like 'real' people. We like to be liked and to have fun. It's difficult to be boss and to let all into your life. I found I couldn't do it. That old saying is true: 'It's lonely at the top.'"

For Peter Gloggner, vice president and chief human resources officer at Jupiter Medical Center, the synonyms for ingratiating may be pejorative, but the act itself, done with respect, is not.

"I like the term ingratiating. I don't think it has a negative connotation," he explains.

"As I read the research, I wasn't surprised. I started to think about the relationships I've had with previous bosses and current bosses, and I asked my human resources director, who thinks it's a good thing. To have a good relationship with your boss helps down the road if there are contentious issues or disagreements. You



can work through problems."

Which helps, especially since you spend a third of your life at work. And if there are performance problems, he adds, a good relationship can help the boss address them.

"The 'kissing up' part is interesting because that does have a negative connotation. But I don't see ingratiating as kissing up, as long as you have respect for the person."

And that raises another question: Is the old mantra in business, "It's not personal," the wrong way to approach employees or employers, since many Americans spend significant portions of their waking lives working and therefore living in workplace relationships?

Academia can help understand the answer, perhaps.

"The notion that 'it's not personal' is not very applicable in business, at least when it comes to the way interpersonal interactions influence business outcomes. There is certainly a place for (it) because very often the personal nature of things has to be suspended for business purposes (as in situations where unpleasant layoffs are necessary)," Mr. Foulk explains.

"But the notion that work is by its nature impersonal is not very supported by research. In fact, the opposite: Research suggests that interpersonal interactions drive many workplace outcomes.

"We already know that interpersonal interactions like ingratiation can influence

the way the ingratiated boss feels about the ingratiation. But what we show (in our study) is that ingratiation has second-order personal effects. It also influences the way observers feel about the parties involved in the ingratiation.

"So, interpersonal interactions aren't limited to the dyads that comprise them. Rather, they're embedded in a complex and dynamic work environment, and this means their effects are much more complicated."

Unless they aren't, and that may depend on perception.

"There's a difference between liking and respecting the boss and brown-nosing," says Beverly Mott, a Charlotte County-based IT expert.

"One is earned, the other is given. And I don't know how to TELL you how to spot the difference, but I sure do know the difference when it's up close and personal. As a boss, I liked the brown-nosers. As a co-worker, they were despised as lowly worms. It's all a matter of perspective."

For Perry Bihari, a longtime telephone lineman and now service technician for CenturyLink in south and central Florida, his colleagues "can brown-nose all they can — I don't care. As long as they do their JOBS!"

That kind of levelheaded willingness not to judge is shared by Stacey Chadwick Brown, as well. A mental health therapist and staff clinician at Florida Gulf Coast University, she puts it this way:

"Brown-nosing can be a survival tool, and not necessarily a bad thing. I guess it depends on how you define it."

— **Stacey Chadwick Brown**
mental health therapist and staff clinician
at Florida Gulf Coast University



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"Brown-nosing can be a survival tool, and not necessarily a bad thing. I guess it depends on how you define it. I tend to think of it in terms of motivation. Sometimes people try to get along and please the boss because it's a difficult work environment, or because there's bullying or emotional abuse going on — that's when it's a survival tool.

"I don't think it's healthy if someone has a manipulative plan, with intentional harm to co-workers, or something illegal is up. But genuine schmoozing is perfectly legitimate, although it may be annoying to others. And young folks trying to climb the ladder may be inclined to go above and beyond to be recognized or gain favor. That's not necessarily a bad thing." ■

Lose your fear of public speaking with class at the Sugden

Due to the popularity of this summer's class in public speaking, the Education Department of The Naples Players is holding another session this fall. The class will meet from 7-10 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8.

In addition to a variety of weekly on-your-feet exercises, instructor Randall Kenneth Jones has included a book club segment in which the group will explore "Ted Talks" by Chris Anderson. The curriculum will also include lessons learned from Mr. Jones's time spent with high-profile public speaking personalities such as Erin Brockovich, Barbara Corcoran, Jeffrey Hayzlett, Suze Orman, Bob Orr, Peggy Post and Peter Thomas.

A familiar face to Sugden Commu-



JONES

nity Theatre audiences, Mr. Jones is an author, actor, motivational speaker, business columnist and marketing/PR consultant. His book about personal and professional development, "Show Me," is set for release Nov. 15.

Committed to the ongoing education for everyone in the community, The Naples Players also offers classes in acting and improv, direction, playwriting, stage combat, tap, burlesque, qi-gong relaxation movement and technical courses in painting, sewing, props, sound design and stage management.



Registration for the public speaking class is \$250 (\$210 for members of TNP and \$200 for TNP working members). Participation also requires purchase of "Ted Talks."

To sign up or for more information, call Dolores Fetters at the Sugden Community Theatre, 434-7340, ext. 100. For general information about the class, call Mr. Jones at (571) 238-4572. ■

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'Meet the Candidates' with the Above Board Chamber at the Hilton Naples



- 1. Lois Bolin, Jeanne Sweeney, Niccole Howard and Sandi Colliflower
- 2. Marianne Kern, Ingrid Fuller and Margaret Esposito
- 3. Barry Nicholls and Florice Hodges
- 4. Marsha McDonald, Dianne Reed and Catherine Bordner
- 5. Connie Ramos-Williams and Ingrid Fuller
- 6. Vicky Tracy and Myra Williams
- 7. Lois Bolin and Jeanne Sweeney

Pelican's Nest hosts the Membership Directors Association of SWFL



- 1. Lisa Spiller, Chris Pilgrim and Debbie Lohan
- 2. Michelle Buist and Colleen Sowerby
- 3. Matt Keller, AJ Szymanski and Luis Quintero
- 4. Star Marra and Jennah Liskin
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- 6. Donna Marcotte and Jennie Taylor
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- 6. Dr. Stephen Prendiville and Tehjan Prendiville
- 7. Mary Boudreau and Dakotah Tucker
- 8. Patrick Murphy
- 9. Dr. Stephen Prendiville and Virginia Patterson

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Area brokers see a steady summer season

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The July 2016 market report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors shows performance as expected during a traditional summer season. An increase in inventory to 4,801 homes is welcome news to homebuyers following record-low inventory in July 2015. Median closed prices remained steady for price segments above \$300,000, which is more good news to buyers, and increased 11 percent in the under \$300,000 category.



NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County, excluding Marco Island.

"Prices continue to remain stable, and we are absorbing the inventory," says Jeff Jones, managing broker at the Naples-Park Shore office of Coldwell Banker. "As the report reveals, a decrease in pending and closed sales in July had nothing to do with prices. Properties priced right were selling. We sold 627 homes, only 99 fewer than in July 2015, which was a very good year."

Bill Coffey, broker manager of Amerivest Realty Naples, agrees. "Prices are remaining the same regardless of the increased inventory," he says. "Interestingly, the median closed price is up 7 percent from July a year ago to \$300,000, when one would think prices would drop due to the 36 percent increase in inventory."

Unlike other areas of the country, real estate sales in Naples decline during the off-season summer months. This pause is a familiar expectation, due to a majority of second homebuyers retreating to their Northern homes during the summer months.

The decline in July sales might also be due to the increase in the Canadian exchange rate and tourism being off this summer. Brokers anticipate the market will take off again in season.

Days on the market for all price categories above \$300,000 are returning to a normal range, Mr. Coffey notes, add-

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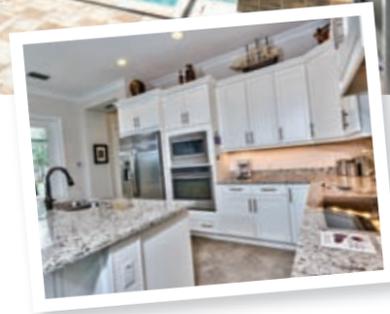
House hunting

5167 Andros Drive

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Built in 2014 at the end of a cul-de-sac in The Isles of Collier Preserve, this courtyard-style home provides plenty of outdoor living space with both a large private courtyard for entertaining as well as a lanai overlooking a bird preserve. There are three bedrooms and three full baths plus a den that boasts a wet bar and a 52-bottle wine cooler. The casita with full bath has separate entrances to the front walkway and courtyard. There is a total 3,302 square feet, with 2,413 square feet under air conditioning.

The Isles of Collier Preserve offers 8 miles of scenic kayak and hiking trails, acres of unspoiled natural habitat as well as the Isles Club, the community's center of lifestyle and wellness amenities.



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ing the NABOR report shows days on the market for homes priced at \$1 million and above have decreased double digits from July of last year.

The July 2016 statistics show a 25 decrease in overall pending sales (homes under contract), down to 681 from 913 in July 2015 (year over year). Overall closed sales decreased 14 percent, to 627 from 726 in July 2015 (year over year). In comparison, overall closed sales decreased 2 percent from July 2014 to July 2015 (year over year). However, inventory decreased 1 percent between July 2014 and July 2015 and increased 36 percent between July 2015 and July 2016.

Despite a drop in overall closed sales, closed sales for single-family homes in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category increased 26 percent in July 2016, to 72 homes this year from 57 in July 2015 (year over year). This segment's median closed price decreased 7 percent, down to \$627,000 this year from \$672,000 in July 2015 (year over year).

The latest numbers also show a 44 percent decrease in median closed price for condominiums in the \$2 million and above category (year over year). In July 2015, the median closed price for high-end condominiums was \$4,395,000 (year over year). This year, the median closed price dropped to \$2,450,000 (year over year). This price segment also saw the highest increase in inventory of all other home types in July 2016, going up 79 percent to 84 condominiums from 47 a year ago.

The NABOR July 2016 market report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Among the activity of interest:

■ Overall pending sales in the Immokalee/Ave Maria geographic area (ZIP code 34142) increased 25 percent, to five pending sales in July 2016 from four pending sales in July 2015.

■ Closed sales for single-family homes in the East Naples geographic area (34114, 34117, 34120, 34137) increased 39 percent, to 104 homes in July 2016 from 75 a year ago.

■ Median closed prices for condominiums in the Naples beach geographic area (34102, 34103, 34108) increased 28 percent, up to \$725,000 in July 2016 from \$567,000 in July 2015.

■ Inventory for single-family homes in the \$300,000 and below category did not change between July 2015 and July 2016.

■ Inventory for condominiums in the North Naples geographic area (34109, 23110, 23119) increased 74 percent, to 637 condominiums in July 2016 from 367 a year ago.

■ Activity in the Naples beach area surprised NABOR broker analysts, with the median closed price for single-family homes dropping 26 percent and the median closed price for condominiums increasing 28 percent (year over year).

"When they find it, they buy it," says Coco Waldenmayer, a managing broker at John R. Wood Properties. "Whether they are baby boomers or international, buyers know what they are looking for in Naples."

For more information, visit naplesarea.com. ■

Two new floor plans offered at Maple Ridge in Ave Maria

CC Homes announces two new floor plans in Coquina at Maple Ridge in Ave Maria. The one-story designs bring the total number of floor plans available in Maple Ridge to 20.

The two-bedroom, two-bath Grove has 1,133 square feet under air and is priced from \$186,990.

The Fernwood has 1,366 square feet under air with two bedrooms plus a den and two bathrooms. A larger dining room option is available in lieu of the den. The Fernwood is priced from \$189,990.

Residents of Coquina at Maple Ridge

have access to all the amenities of the town of Ave Maria including a waterpark, golf and tennis, bocce ball courts, shopping and dining, private schools and Ave Maria University, and sports fields and playgrounds. Construction is set to begin later this year on a 12,000-square-foot amenity center exclusive to residents of Maple Ridge.

The entrance to Ave Maria is at the intersection of Oil Well and Camp Keais Roads in eastern Collier County. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit ave-maria.com. ■

Information center opening this fall for new Rural Lands West community

Rural Lands West, a 4,000-acre community planned by Minto Communities and Collier Enterprises in eastern Collier County, has begun construction of a community outreach center off Oil Well Road. Opening is anticipated this fall.

"We are looking forward to opening the Rural Lands West community outreach center this fall to host regular updates sharing our plans and progress with the community," says William Bullock, Minto Communities senior vice president.

The website rurallandswest.com has been created to provide updates and information throughout the permitting process.

In accordance with Collier County's Rural Land Stewardship Area program, Rural Lands West will offer a variety of residential choices for up to 10,000 families over the next 20 years. The first

phase consists of 4,000 homes and a 150,000-square-foot town center with retail, entertainment and dining, as well as resort-style amenities and commercial real estate. Schools, civic and cultural facilities are planned for future phases.

In addition to 1,200 acres of parks and open spaces, the community will have 12,000 acres preserved for wildlife habitat.

Minto, the developer of The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples, is launching two more developments in Florida: Oasis Daytona, a "55-and-better" community with 3,400 residences and a private beach club in Daytona Beach; and Westlake, a 3,800-acre community planned for 4,500 homes in western Palm Beach County.

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■ **WCI Communities** announces the following top sales performers in July for its communities throughout Southwest Florida: Arborwood Preserve, **Lisa Potts**; Artesia Naples, **Shawn Ruhlman**; Carrara and Viansa at Talis Park, **Mary Manganiello**; Hampton Park, **Elise McMahon**; LaMorada Naples, **David Sanvidge**; Livingston Lakes, **Aaron Isban**; Pelican Preserve, **Michael Brosy**; Raffia Preserve, **Jamie Meisterheim**; The Colony Golf & Bay Club, **Lisa Perry**; and Timberwood Preserve, **Kim Feltis**.

■ **Royal Shell Real Estate** recognizes the following top producers in July:

Naples Park Shore office - Top listing producers team, **The Roboci Team**; top listings producer individual, **Kathy Mahoney**; top sales producers team, **The Boeglin Team**; and top sales producer individual, **Linda Ramsey**.

Naples Fifth Avenue office - Top listings producer individual, **Roger Stening**; top sales producers team, **The Taranto Team**; and top sales producer individual, **Katie Brady-Rigsby**.

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Fort Myers office - Top listing producers team, **Stoutenburgh International Group**; top listings producer individual, **Patti Testa**; top sales producers team, **The Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team**; and top sales producer individual, **Tina Tusack**.

■ **Beasley & Henley Interior Design** has been selected to create coastal-inspired interiors for the **Lakeshore Club at Naples Reserve**. The main amenity building along the 125-acre Eagle Lake will echo the Southern Coastal architecture and ambience of the community that is under development by iStar.

The club is expected to open in November. The 5,160-square-foot main building has a grand hall and dining area, a freestanding fireplace, catering kitchen, walk-up snack bar and a wrap-around porch.

The Lakeshore Club also has a 3,500-square-foot fitness center and



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pool with a waterfall and junior Olympic-size lap lanes. Volleyball and bocce ball courts, a party pavilion, fire pit and event lawn complete the outdoor amenities. Naples Reserve also will offer a lakefront tennis and pickleball complex, two miles of walking/biking paths and two dog parks.

The entrance to Naples Reserve is off U.S. 41, two miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard/CR 951 intersection. For more information, visit the welcome center at 14891 Naples Reserve Circle or go to naplesreserve.com. ■

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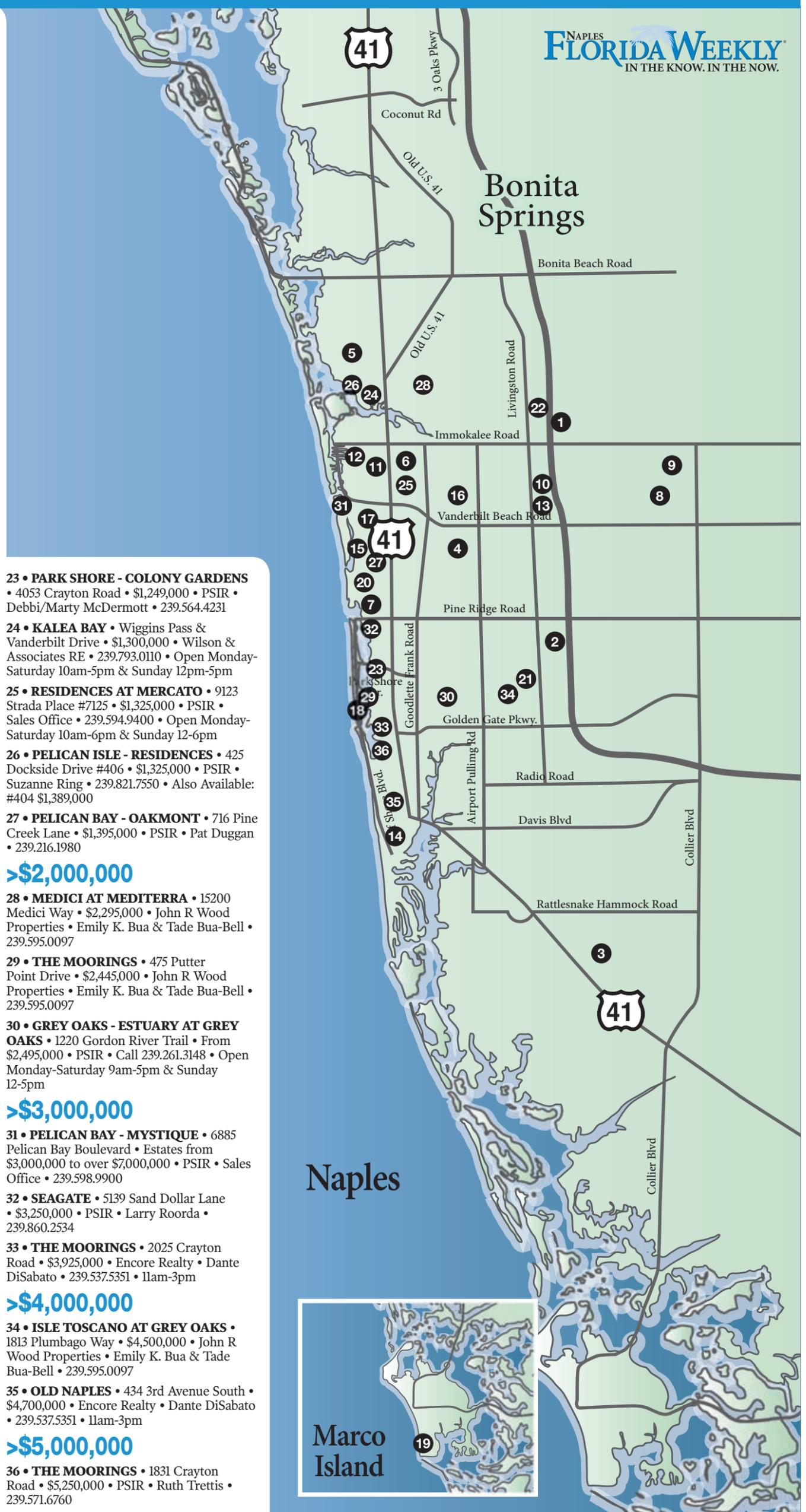
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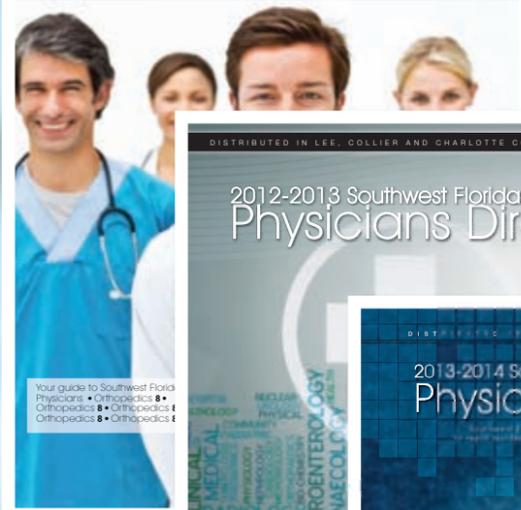
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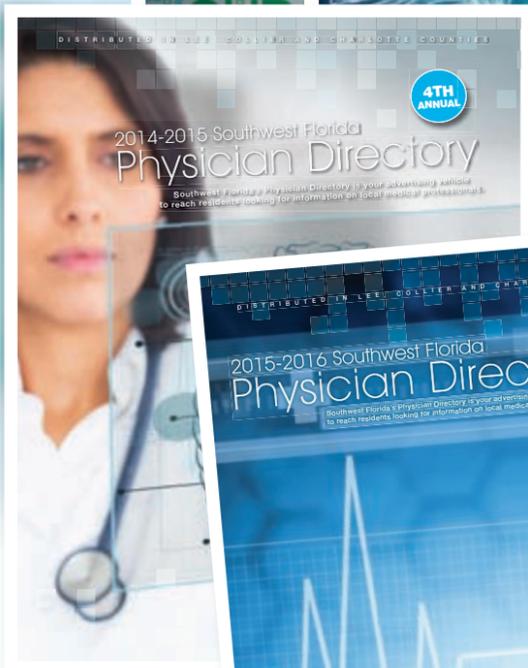
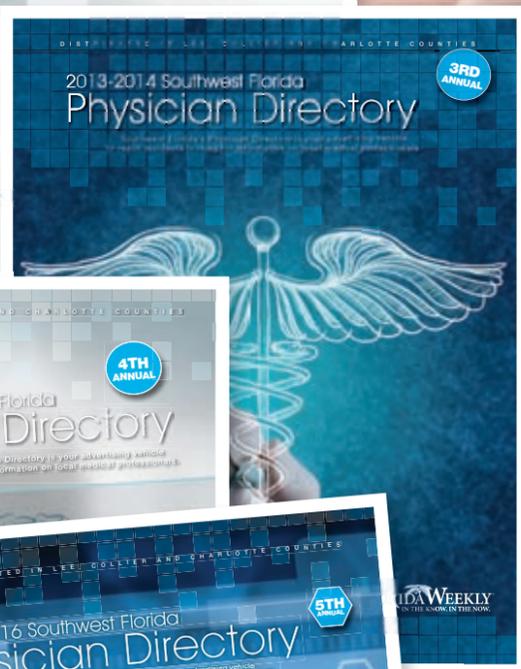
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— Dan Miller, jazz trumpet musician who performs at The Barrel Room



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Lew Del Gatto, left, and Dan Miller bring brilliant jazz and a packed house to The Barrel Room in Fort Myers.

The Barrel Room at the Twisted Vine Bistro offers high-quality jazz and blues

BY NANCY STETSON

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It’s Thursday, but The Barrel Room at the Twisted Vine Bistro in downtown Fort Myers is packed like a Saturday night, with every seat in the room taken.

Right now, it’s standing room only.

All eyes are on the postage stamp-sized stage in the rear of the narrow room. The platform is so small there’s barely enough room for the jazz quartet that’s playing. The musicians take turns soloing, and the crowd applauds enthusiastically.

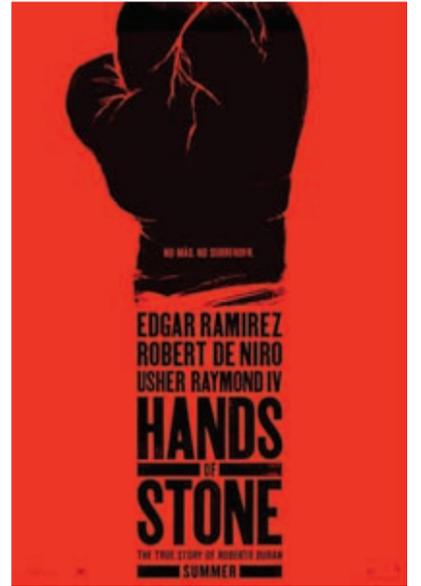
It’s the Dan Miller & Lew Del Gatto Quartet

SEE JAZZ, C4 ▶



The sounds of live jazz lure passersby from the sidewalk into The Barrel Room.

INSIDE



On par with ‘Creed’

Film critic Dan Hudak says Roberto Duran biopic is worthy of the boxer’s admirable life. **C15** ▶



Sweet!

Vintage candy containers attract collectors. **C18** ▶



Might fine

Restaurant reviewer Karen Feldman finds everything just right at the new 1500 South. **C27** ▶

Attendees pick winners in Your Choice exhibition

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Art Association, a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand cultural opportunities, broaden education, and enrich Southwest Florida through the visual arts, announced the winners of its Your Choice 2016 awards. The pieces were voted on at preview reception at The von Liebig Art Center earlier this month.

Your Choice is an annual non-juried exhibition open to artwork in all media. It provides an opportunity for NAA member artists to present their works

to a larger audience with no jury process requirement.

Of the 500-plus people in attendance at the preview reception, 350 went to the polling place and voted for one of the 122 candidates on the ballot. The votes were tallied by the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office and Heather Wysocki.

The Your Choice 2016 award recipients are as follows:

■ **Best of Show** (\$500): **Michele Finnegan**, “Creating Freedom Rocks,” acrylic on Vogue magazine.

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Michele Finnegan won Best of Show for “Creating Freedom Rocks,” an acrylic on Vogue magazine.

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The book reviewer discovers a bookstore worth writing about



Earlier this summer I had the pleasure of meeting Patti Jefferson, the proprietor of P.J. Boox, at her bookstore in South Fort Myers. On that day, thriller author M.A. Richards was there with his wife for a book signing. After strolling around and enjoying the distinctive layout of the store, I just had to share Ms. Jefferson's vision with my readers.

Q: How — and why — is P.J. Boox different from other bookstores?

A: In many ways we are just like every other bookstore you've ever been in: We offer great mysteries, romance, poetry, children's books and a bunch of other genres. In spite of that, almost everyone who walks through our doors knows that we are definitely NOT like any other bookstore that they have ever seen. I suppose it starts with the fact that our books are all displayed face out. You can see the cover of every book that we offer. Turns out that the adage of "don't judge a book by its cover" is really about making assumptions about people and not books at all. Of course the biggest difference is the fact that the books we sell are all by independently or small press published authors from around the world. What does that mean for the average reader? Not much actually. I have never yet

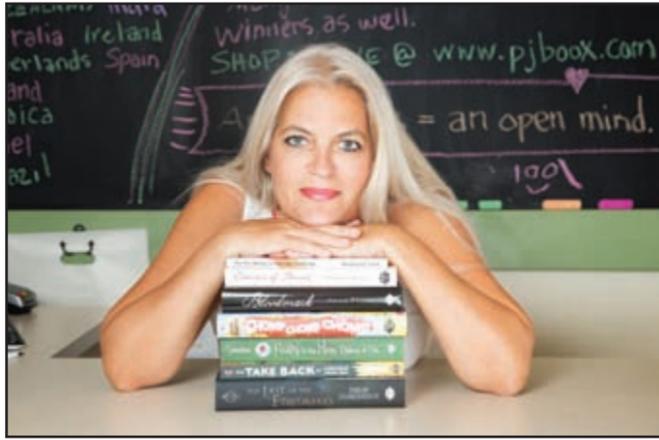
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Q: How does your selection process work?

A: For a long time, independent or small press publishing had a bit of a stigma as being an inferior product to traditionally published books. In the recent years, however, independent authors have fought to correct that ill-conceived notion ... We get submissions on our website directly from authors, and we also solicit select authors online. We judge the books by their cover designs and by whether the manuscript was professionally edited. We look at reviews in places like Amazon and Goodreads. We check out the author's other marketing platforms, and we are especially interested in books that have won national or international book awards.

Q: What is your business model?

A: From a customer standpoint, we run just like any other bookstore: We have books available in many genres, and we have places that a reader can sit and enjoy a chapter or two. You can talk



Patti Jefferson at her bookstore, P.J. Boox, in South Fort Myers. The store works with authors on a consignment basis.

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who don't have big publishing houses behind them.

Q: Have you made discoveries you'd like to single out?

A: One of the things we pride ourselves in is the number of national and international book award winners that we have on our shelves. Children's book author Lee Ann Mancini has won more than a dozen awards for her "Adventures of the Sea Kids" series. Lawyer/author Russel Lazega has won numerous awards for his memoir "Managing Bubbie," which was just done as an audio book featuring actress Linda Lavin. Our readers are discovering authors that really resonate with them. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

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JAZZ

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(though on this particular night, someone's sitting in for Mr. Del Gatto on saxophone, as he's in Europe).

On the stage: Brandon Robertson on stand-up bass, Tony Vigilante on drums, Gerald Augustin on tenor sax and Mr. Miller on trumpet. They're dressed casually, in short-sleeved shirts. And though it's already unbearably summer-sizzling in Southwest Florida, this quartet's playing jazz so hot it's raising the temperatures.

They end one tune and start right in on "Bye Bye Blackbird" with a loping swing.

They play "What's New?" a languid, romantic ballad by Bob Haggart that makes you want to get up and slow dance with someone. Then, Victor Young's "Stella By Starlight." They close with "Caravan," playing it at breakneck speed, rousing the crowd to its feet with cheers and applause.

"As a jazz lover living here for 34 years, there's not a lot of places you can go to hear *real* live jazz that's not restricted," says Judi Woods of Fort Myers Beach. "Luckily, The Barrel Room, in all their wisdom, has invited Dan Miller to bring his people here. He said to me (during a break), 'I'm bringing the young bloods here' — young jazz musicians who are shocking the socks off of people."

The fledgling venue is an offshoot of the Twisted Vine Bistro (there's a doorway between the two inside as well as separate entrances on Bay Street). With its brick and wood walls (the latter reclaimed from an Ohio barn) and the wooden fronts of bourbon barrels, The Barrel Room makes patrons feel as if they're in a distillery.

"This is so wonderful!" says Patrick Day, who's sitting with his wife Anne Dodd and a small group of friends. "You don't even feel like you're in Fort Myers. You could be anywhere in America."

Mr. Del Gatto played with the Saturday Night Live Band on the show from its beginnings in 1975 to 1979 and also from 1985 to 2005. Mr. Miller played trumpet in Harry Connick Jr.'s band, touring all over the world, appearing on three television specials and recording four albums with him. He also played in the Woody Herman Orchestra and in Wynton Marsalis's Big Band. Both men are also members of the Naples Jazz Orchestra, which last year performed a full season on concerts at Golden Gate High School.

Area jazz aficionados can see them perform for just the price of a drink at The Barrel Room from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday.

In addition to jazz on Thursday nights, the space presents live blues starting at 9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday.

"It's a great room," says Mr. Miller. "The sound is fabulous. We're playing all acoustically, no amplification. Because



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Gerald Augustin on sax, Tony Vigilante on drums, Brandon Robertson on bass, and Dan Miller on trumpet spice up The Barrel Room.

of the wood and the brick, it's got an incredible acoustic sound. We love playing there."

They also love the artistic freedom.

"One of the best things about it is, we're allowed to do whatever we want musically, so we play as hard as we want," he says. "There are no limitations."

"Sometimes when you're playing in a restaurant or a club, they like you to play a cocktail set or a softer first hour or two — which is fine," he adds. But The Barrel Room has "the flavor of a New York jazz club, where we can hit it from the very beginning. That's very appealing to us."

Patrons are gratified too, filling the place week after week.

"It's been like that, standing room only, and that's great," Mr. Miller says. "People downtown really appreciate the arts and music. We have a real eclectic crowd of artists and musicians and theater people and music lovers ... We're excited to be able to do high intensity swinging jazz music and be able to deliver it for them in a way that's really fun for us."

Filling the niche

The owners of the Twisted Vine Bistro and The Barrel Room, Steve and Denise Hollister, hired Kevin Binkal as general manager to book the music for the new venue.

"I used to run Buddy Guys in Chicago," he says, naming the club owned by the well-known blues guitarist.

Mr. Binkal's brother, the guitarist professionally known as Frank Bang, toured the world with Mr. Guy for five years

and also has a band of his own: Frank Bang and the Cook County Kings, who have played at the Barrel Room and are expected to return.

Like the Hollisters, Mr. Binkal is from Chicago.

"The three of us, as a team, have been great," Mr. Binkal says. "We have the same taste in music. They had this vision and they've been rolling with it."

"On the weekends, people were going to The Firestone for the dance music they do and to City Tavern for the country music and bands they put in there," Mr. Hollister says, referring to the two restaurants flanking his. "I thought, why don't we do the music we like in the middle? We decided to do jazz and blues. We're about the quality of the food and wine and ambiance, and we wanted that to carry over into our music. We felt a niche was there."

The Hollisters traveled to blues clubs in Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

"We started meeting bands and talking to them," he says. "We tapped into some national agents; when they're booking people on a traveling gig, Tampa to Miami, we're in the middle."

The best advice he was given, he says, was: "Protect your stage; put the best quality people up there that you can."

"We try not to put anyone up there that we haven't heard somewhere else, or that we have a strong recommendation for from someone we trust," he says.

They hope to bring blues singer Sari Schorr, who's toured with Joe Bonamas-

sa, to The Barrel Room. "People compare her voice to Joni Mitchell's," Mr. Hollister says. "She did a remake of 'Black Betty.' That's the kind of people we're looking to bring through here."

They've booked Albert Castiglia, who's played with Junior Wells, for January; and Chicago bluesman Joe Moss for April. Although a date has not been announced, JL Fulks and Frank Bang and the Cook County Kings are also in the lineup.

Also in the plans: extending jazz to a second night on Wednesday and adding a Sunday gospel brunch with Southern food.

Mr. Hollister also wants to add a late night menu.

"There's nowhere to eat late night downtown," he says. "We want to be the place where people can come in."

He's also thinking of introducing a cover charge once season starts and selling tickets in advance online for some shows.

Some nights, he says, the musicians question whether they should begin, because there are only a few people in the room. He tells them to start playing, and keeps the front door open.

Within 15 minutes, the place is full, he says.

The music lures them in.

"People (out on the sidewalk) say, 'Oh, this is that place I heard about.' People are talking about us."

"We want to be the place," he says. "It's hot right now." ■

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The Barrel Room

>> 2210 Bay St., Fort Myers
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Jazz from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays with the Dan Miller & Lew Del Gatto Quartet

More jazz and blues

Here are a few other area venues that present live jazz and/or blues:

>> Buckingham Blues Bar

5641 Buckingham Road, Fort Myers
693-7111 or buckinghambar.com
National blues acts perform.

>> The Bay House

799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples
591-3837; bayhousesnaples.com
The Richmonds from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays

Mike Blasucci from 6-9 p.m. Thursday
The Marc Vee Band from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday

>> The Continental

1205 Third St. S., Naples
659-0007; damicoscontinental.com
Blues by The Rick Howard Trio from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>> JD's

1951 Tamiami Road, Port Charlotte
(941) 255-0994 or jdsbistroandgrille.com

>> Weekend Willie's Sports Bar & Grill

5310 Shirley St., Naples
597-3333 or weekendwillies.com
Rick Howard and his Mudbone Blues Band play every Tuesday (bassist David Johnson also plays bass with The Neville Brothers)



The Mark Telesca Band plays The Barrel Room in downtown Fort Myers.



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 500 people attended the preview reception, and 350 cast votes for their favorites pieces of art. The exhibit hangs through Oct. 14 at The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association.

CHOICE

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■ **First Place** (\$300): **Joel Shapses**, "Reaching for the Sky," white and grey Turkish marble on black marble.

■ **Honorable Mention** (\$100): **Teresa Benjamin**, "Cotswold Tea," oil on linen

■ **Honorable Mention** (\$100): **Tania Begg**, "Savannah," alabaster stone sculpture inlaid with Apoxie Sculpt clay. ■



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Mila Bridger and Charlie McDonald at the preview reception.



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Erma Barnett and Val Wright.

Fall art classes starting soon at The von Liebig

School kids aren't the only ones heading back to the classroom this time of year. The Naples Art Association is gearing up for its fall session of workshops for artists who want to improve their signature technique as well as for those who want to dip their pens and pencils and brushes in something new, from classic calligraphy to "Wine and Dezine" with "ZenDoodles."

Wine and Dezine promises to be the most fun you'll ever have with a brush (and a glass of wine). It's from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and costs \$55 (wine and your own take-home masterpiece included).

Mario Vitale teaches ZenDoodles in the same time slot as Wine and Dezine, above (how to choose?). Participants will enjoy artistic satisfaction as well as a sense of personal well being as they're guided in using a series of repetitive patterns to create an intricate design. Cost is \$50.

Other classes in the fall session include: Hand Building in Clay with Donna Torrence, Portraits from Photos with Richard Kirk, Mixed Media Collage with Pat Smith, Mixed Media Intro Pastel with Ruthe Sholler, Collage Portrait with Marjorie Pesek, Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor with Genie Kell, Stained Glass and/or Mosaic with Stevan Stanisc and Printmaking with Karissa Costa.

Classes take place mornings, evenings and weekends at The von Liebig Art Center. Details are available online at naplesart.org. ■

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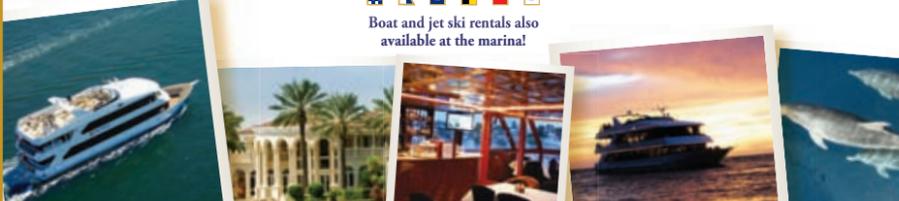
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THEATER

The Book of Liz – By Theatre Conspiracy through Aug. 27 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 939-2787 or theatreconspiracy.org. See review on page C10.

New Works Festival – Gulfshore Playhouse presents the fourth annual New Works Festival Sept. 8-11 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Of Thee I Sing – By TheatreZone and FGCU's Bower School of Music and The Arts Oct. 6-9 at FGCU. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Constellations – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 8-30 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth St. S. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The Rocky Horror Show – By The Naples Players Oct. 12-Nov. 6 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

The Cemetery Club – By The Marco Players Oct. 26-Nov. 13 at Marco Town Center Mall. 404-5198 or themarcoplayers.com.

THURSDAY 8.25

Outdoor Yoga – A gentle yoga class starts at 8:30 a.m. at Koreshan State Park. Basic physical agility is required. Some mats are provided. Bring a water bottle. \$10. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Up A River – Everglades Wonder Gardens and CGT Kayaks host a paddle up the Imperial River setting out at 10 a.m. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. 221-8218 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Armchair Travels – Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in the country's national parks at 6 p.m. at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery. Free. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

FRIDAY 8.26

Music by Mark – The Mark Vee Band performs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bay House. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837 or bayhousenaples.com.

Diva Night – Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center hosts a dinner and show Latria Savage singing selections by Donna Summer, Tina Turner, Beyonce and more at 6:30 p.m. \$55. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

All About Piano – The Southwest Florida Symphony, under the direction of Nir Kabaretti, performs with young pianist Noah Waddell at 8 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. 418-1500 or swflso.org.

Trio Time – Enjoy the sounds of the Rick Howard Trio from 8:30-11 p.m. at The Continental. 1205 Third St. S. 659-0007 or damicoscontinental.com.

Don't Mean To Brag – Heather McDonald ("Chelsea Lately," "Juicy Scoop") performs tonight and Saturday, Aug. 27, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

SATURDAY 8.27

To Market, To Market – The Third Street South Farmers Market keeps going through summer from 7:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.



Theatre Conspiracy presents "The Book of Liz" through Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. The cast of the quirky comedy includes Rachel Burtram, Joann Haley and Trevor Beauvois-Kinney. 10091 McGregor Blvd. 939-2787 or theatreconspiracy.org. See review on page C10.

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn all about Florida's plant life with themed activities today and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden's Smith Children's Garden. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Go for Pokemon – Collier County Museums hosts a Pokémon "lure party" and scavenger hunt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Immokalee Pioneer Museum. 1215 Third Ave., Immokalee. 252-8246 or colliermuseums.com.

All That Jazz – The Naples Jazzmasters take the stage from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. 263-1113 or naplesjazzsociety.com.

Twice as Entertaining – The Marco Players hosts a double feature with Square 1 Improv and fiddler J. Robert starting at 8 p.m. \$20, cash or check at the door. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Piano Boy – Piano prodigy Noah Waddell performs with the Southwest Florida Symphony at 8 p.m. at the new Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

SUNDAY 8.28

Walk the Dog – Naples Botanical Garden hosts the pooch patrol from 9-11:30 a.m. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to accompany their owners for a stroll. Free for Garden members and their canines, regular admission plus \$9.95 per pooch for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Beachcomber – Learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-led talk at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Bridal Blast – The National Association of Wedding Professionals hosts Bridal Blast 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at Germain Arena. Enjoy tastings, music and bridal fashions. Brides can register for free admission at the website, \$7 for others. 272-8477 or bridalblastfla.com.

MONDAY 8.29

Films for Film Lovers – Center for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Flat" (2011) at 7 p.m. As a documentarian clean out the flat that belonged to his grandparents who were immigrants from Nazi Germany, he uncovers clues to a complicated and shocking story. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Jazz with Jebry – Jebry and friends jam from 6-9 p.m. at Pate's Island Club. 600 Neapolitan Way. 228-7796.

TUESDAY 8.30

Terrific Tuesdays – See any show at Mercato's Silverspot Cinema for just \$8 every Tuesday. 592-0300 or silverspot.net.

Trad Seisiuns – Enjoy traditional Irish music starting at 5 p.m. at Shea's at Lansdowne Street. 702 Fifth Ave. S. 398-1159 or irmusic@embarqmail.com.

Mudbone Blues – Rick Howard and Mudbone take the stage at 8 p.m. at Weekend Willie's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or weekendwillies.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.31

Namaste – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a beach session from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. \$5 plus park admission. Reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Jazz It Up – Chill out to music by The Richmonds from 6-9 p.m. at The Bay House. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837 or bayhousenaples.com.

More Jazz – Jebry and friends jam from 6-9 p.m. at New York Pizza & Pasta. 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 594-3500.

COMING UP

Photo Show – Ave Maria University presents "The Humanity of Service: Portraits by Michael Collopy" Sept. 1-Dec. 16. The collection features Mr. Collopy's photographs of people including Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, Bono and others who are known for their humanitarian efforts and leadership. 280-2500 or avemaria.edu.

Summer Lecture – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a lecture about alternative energy sources and clean Florida waterways from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7. Free with admission. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergarden.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" (France, 2007) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the university's Naples campus. The true story of Elle editor Jean-Dominique Bauby, who suffers a stroke and has to live with an almost totally paralyzed body. \$5 for academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Pick Your Place – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform two chamber concerts at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, one at Naples Botanical Garden and another at Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Tatted Up – The Ink Empire Tattoo Expo brings seminars, music, tattoo contests and awards to Germain Arena starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, and continuing through the weekend. \$22-\$38. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

More Jazz – Jebry and friends invite everyone to join the jam session from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Royal Wood Country Club. 4300 Royal Wood Blvd. 775-4451.

Love to Hear Percussion – Artis—Naples hosts an up-close percussion demonstration for kids at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Live and Local – Latin band West Side Tropicico performs at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Paint Party – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session for ages 10 and up to raise money for Peace Early Learning Center from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. \$40. Bring your own wine or beer. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicassonaples.com.

Dark Knight – Barnes & Noble celebrates Batman's enduring legacy with cosplay, trivia and games at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Monsoon Wedding" (India, 2001) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at the university's Naples campus. A stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner and relatives from around the world create much ado about the preparations for an arranged marriage in India. \$5 for academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Author Signing – Barnes & Noble hosts a signing with Nathan Hill, author of "The Nix," at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Fashionable Bites – Waterside Shop hosts Craving Fashion, where guests can nibble on small plates from more than 30 area restaurants and enjoy the latest fashions from the center's retailers from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. \$50. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. 598-1605 or watersideshops.com.

Eco-Party – Rookery Bay celebrates National Estuary Day with staff-narrated boat tours, kayak trips, animal presentations are more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Free. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Woodwinds in Concert – The wind orchestra from FGCU's Bower School of Music performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Ancient Walk – Tour the ancient bald cypress forest at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 28. \$25, plus the price of admission. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Story Time – Nationally recognized storyteller Andy Offut Irwin delights the audience with tales of his best character, Aunt Marguerite, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the office of Dr. Joel Ying. \$15. 2335 Tamiami Trail N. 267-6480.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Surprise Inside – Cirque du Soleil presents “Ovo” Sept. 28-Oct. 2 at Germain Arena. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Rock Around the Clock – Friends of Lovers Key hosts a sock hop on the beach from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Lovers Key State Park. \$40 for members, \$45 for others. (708) 359-0466 or fgjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Tater Salad – Ron White, best known as the whiskey-swilling, cigar-smoking comedian from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, takes the stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. (800) 440-7469 or bbmannpah.com.

Magic Carpet Ride – Artis—Naples invites youngsters to get up-close with the orchestra’s brass players and their horns at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Show Me The Way – Peter Frampton performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Moon River – Friends of Lovers Key hosts moonlight kayaking through the park setting out at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. \$15 for members. \$20 for others (kayak rental separate). (708) 359-0466 or fgjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Ahoy! – The Marine Industry Association of Collier County presents The Naples Boat Show Downtown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, at Naples City Dock. Free. 682-0900 or miacc.org.

Come Sail Away – Dennis DeYoung and the Naples Philharmonic perform the music of Styx at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Author Signing – Bestselling author Randy Wayne Wright introduces his new book, “Seduced,” with a talk and signing at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island. Free. 677 S. Collier Blvd. 393-0353 or sunshinebooksellers.com.

Comedy Legend – Jerry Lewis performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$89-\$130. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Yard & Garden – Collier County Extension Services hosts its annual SWFL Yard & Garden Show from 9-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Visitors will enjoy plant vendors, horticulture merchants, educational lectures and more. \$4. 14700 Immokalee Road. 352-4800 or collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a fine arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Cambier Park. naplesartcrafters.com.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform baroque selections from Jean-Philippe Rameau’s “Zaïs” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Film Fest Fun – Naples International Film Festival kicks off this year’s event with a red carpet walk, opening film screening and a VIP after-party featuring many of the festival filmmakers at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Artis—Naples. 775-3456 or naplesfilmfest.com.

Crackin’ Claws – The seventh annual Stonecrab Festival returns with a kick-off party from 4-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Pinchers Crab Shack. Festivities continue through the weekend at Tin City. stonecrabfestival.org.

■ Say ‘I do’ to **Bridal Blast 2016** presented by the National Association of Wedding Professionals from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Germain Arena.

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■ Storyteller **Andy Offut Irwin** share tales about his best character, Aunt Marguerite, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the office of Dr. Joel Ying. \$15. 2335 Tamiami Trail N.

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■ Comedian and “Chelsea Lately” star **Heather McDonald** is everywhere these days. Catch her at Off The Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Saturday.

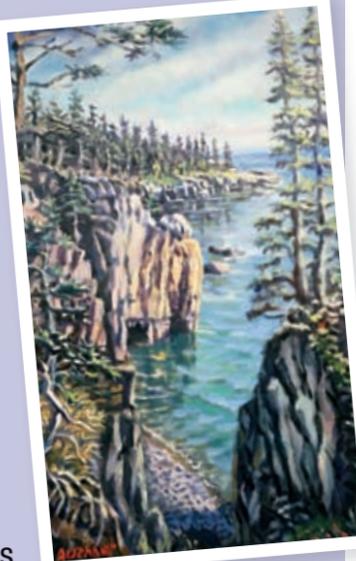
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■ Naples artist and world-traveler **Paul Arsenault** celebrates 100 years of the National Park Service with a talk about his paintings of places in various national parks at 6 p.m. Thursday at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery.

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Chamber Concert - Miró Quartet performs works by Ginastera, Welcher and Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Spooky Fun - Fifth Avenue South hosts its sixth annual Halloween Spooktacular on Fifth with costume contests and family activities from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. 692-8926 or fiftheavenuesouth.com.

Twinkle Toes - Miami City Ballet performs "Giselle" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

All That Jazz - Trumpeter Wallace Roney performs with the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis—Naples' Daniels Pavilion 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Sharp-Dressed Men - ZZ Top performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert - Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform chamber selections by Brahms and Strauss at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in the recital hall at FGCU. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Art Show - Naples Art Association hosts an outdoor art festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Spoof-tacular - Enjoy raucous political satire with musical spoofs and skits by The Capitol Steps at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Winds Concert - The wind orchestra of FGCU's Bower School of Music performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert - Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform works by Purcell, Hayden and Beethoven at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, and Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Opera Night - Opera Naples presents Puccini's "Turandot" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

Magical Mystery Tour - The Naples Philharmonic performs the music of The Beatles at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Beggin' Bacon - Baconfest 2016 returns with cured pork-centered dishes and competitions among local chefs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Naples Municipal Airport. 643-0733 or baconfestnaples.com.

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Bluegrass Band – Bluegrass ensemble Claire Lynch Band performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$28-\$33. 2408 Linwood Ave. bluewaterbluegrass.com.

Local Pioneers – Collier County Museum hosts its annual Old Florida Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-19. \$5-\$10. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.com.

Chamber Concert – Pianist Benedetto Lupo performs works by Dohnányi, Strauss and Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Christmas Koz – Grammy winning jazz ensemble Dave Koz and Friends perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform Renaissance brass music and Schubert's "Death of a Maiden" at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Alleluia – Naples Philharmonic Chorus performs Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Light It Up – Get in the holiday spirit with Ave Maria's Celebration of Lights from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Town Center. 352-3903 or avemaria.com.

Cluster Pluckin' – Enjoy an evening of Grand Ol' Opry-style bluegrass by various acts when the annual Cluster Pluckin'

moves to Naples Botanical Garden on Friday evening, Dec. 2. Details to come.

Sugar Plum Dreams – Artis—Naples hosts its annual performance of George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," featuring local youth performing alongside Miami City Ballet dancers at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Brassy – CAPA hosts a performance of the Philharmonic Brass Quintet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. \$30. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Youth Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Symphonia perform at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Hearth Notes – Heartland humorist Garrison Keillor performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Holiday Pops – Naples Philharmonic performs holiday favorites with vocalists Nick Ziobro and Julia Goodwin Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 15-18, at Artis—Naples. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

An absurd, surrealistic one-act delivers cheesy, oddball fun



It's hard to know what to say about "The Book of Liz," except: This is one odd little play.

Of course, this shouldn't be any surprise, as the one-act show is playing at Theatre Conspiracy, which specializes in odd and unusual.

Plus, it's written by brother and sister David and Amy Sedaris, known for their comedic essays and commentary. David Sedaris is also the author of "The Santaland Diaries," which is a Southwest Florida cult favorite.

"The Book of Liz" opens in the religious community of Cluster Haven, with lush, sweeping strings playing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. Tollhouse (Jim Yarnes) kneels on a pillow, praying a long, boring, tedious prayer, the bulk of which seems to consist of him boasting to the Lord about how righteous and wonderful a servant he is.

Rev. Tollhouse is bearded, sans moustache, and could be Amish or Mennonite — though the script refers to him and the people of Cluster Haven as "Squeamish." They are known for their delicious cheeseballs, which are made by Sister Elizabeth Donderstock (Joann Haley) and seem to be the main source of income for the religious community.

The reverend is one of those dangerous people: clueless, but in a position of authority. Mr. Yarnes plays him with bumbling self-righteousness, spouting aphorisms.

When Brother Nathaniel Brightbee (Trevor Beauvois-Kinney) joins the community, he takes over Sister Donderstock's job of making the cheeseballs, reasoning that he, being a man, can of course do it better.

Sister Donderstock, demoted from her job, is distraught. Not only did she have to reveal her secret recipe, but she doesn't feel called to her new job of harvesting chives. She winds up leaving the community.

Rachel Burtram, a member of the Florida Repertory Theatre's ensemble, plays Sister Constance Butterworth. (The Sedaris siblings have invented names worthy of Dickens ... or perhaps they were just looking in their pantry.) A fluttery, highly anxious gossip, her self-righteousness barely clothed with a thin veneer of false modesty, Sister Constance thrives on catastrophe. When



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sister Constance Butterworth (Rachel Burtram), right, upbraids Sister Elizabeth Donderstock (Joann Haley).

there isn't one, she doesn't mind fanning the flames a little. She informs Rev. Tollhouse that Sister Donderstock is missing.

Out in the secular world, Sister Donderstock bumps into a giant-sized Mr. Peanut who speaks with a British accent. The costume, complete with top hat and monocle (designed by Tasmin Moore) is eerily accurate; unfortunately, however, it prevents its actor, Ms. Burtram, from being heard clearly.

Life just gets stranger and stranger for Sister Donderstock, who is now known as Liz. The Mr. Peanut costume-wearer turns out to be Oxana from "Ukraina," though she speaks with a Cockney accent.

Liz dons the Mr. Peanut costume herself, then winds up working at the Plymouth Crock, a family restaurant run by Visil (Mr. Yarnes again), a proud 12-stepper and a sponsor for other recovering alcoholics. (Mr. Beauvois-Kinney plays Donny, a perpetually dissatisfied worker.)

Liz fits right in, with her modest, black and white religious outfit looking like a pilgrim's. (One of her co-workers



Sister Elizabeth Donderstock (Joann Haley, center) makes friends with Oxana (Rachel Burtram), left, and Yvone (Trevor Beauvois-Kinney).

mistakes it for an earlier version of their uniform.)

Ms. Burtram makes a priceless appearance as Cecily, a jaded, seen-it-all, done-it-all waitress. And this is the conceit of the play: Liz is Liz throughout, though she changes and grows, but the three other actors play a variety of roles, some more successfully than others.

(Like Alfred Hitchcock, director Steve Hooper makes an extremely brief non-speaking cameo as Brother Hezekiah.)

Ms. Haley's Sister Donderstock is pale and pasty, sweating constantly. She has perhaps the most challenging role, as she's confined to a single costume — one

that reveals only her face and hands. But she makes the most of it with her varied facial expressions, looking dismayed or confused, or brightening up when she learns something. Her character shows the most growth over the course of the play, and she endears herself to the audience.

She's introduced to other types of communities when she leaves her own religious community: the community of recovering alcoholics, and the family you make with friends, both more loving and kind than the community she walked away from at Cluster Haven.

Like the actors, the scenery (by Theatre Conspiracy founder Bill Taylor) has multiple roles. Seven oversized red books with gold lettering tower over the actors on the stage. During the play, various books are spun around to reveal minimalist scenery.

"The Book of Liz" is odd and funny, but on opening night, this comedy didn't induce as much laughter as I thought it might. (When the giant Mr. Peanut appears, you could almost feel the audience's mass confusion.)

Several individual scenes or performances are very funny (Rev. Tollhouse's self-serving prayers, and a scene where you could see the clothing tag hanging from his stage beard. And Ms. Burtram is funny whenever she's on stage, especially as Sister Butterworth, gossiping and lusting after Brother Brightbee, and conducting a blind taste test of his bland cheeseballs versus ones made by Sister Donderstock. The latter is an especially priceless scene.)

But while individual performances are outstanding, director Mr. Hooper doesn't get it all to work together as a comedic cohesive whole. Perhaps that will come over time with more performances.

"The Book of Liz" is definitely an odd little play, a surrealistic, absurd dream with Amish-like people, AA adherents and an oversized dapper peanut.

If you like weird, you just might love this collection of oddballs and cheeseballs. ■

in the know

'The Book of Liz'

>> Who: Theatre Conspiracy

>> When: Through Aug. 27

>> Where: The Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers

>> Cost: \$24 (\$11 for students)

>> Info: 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org

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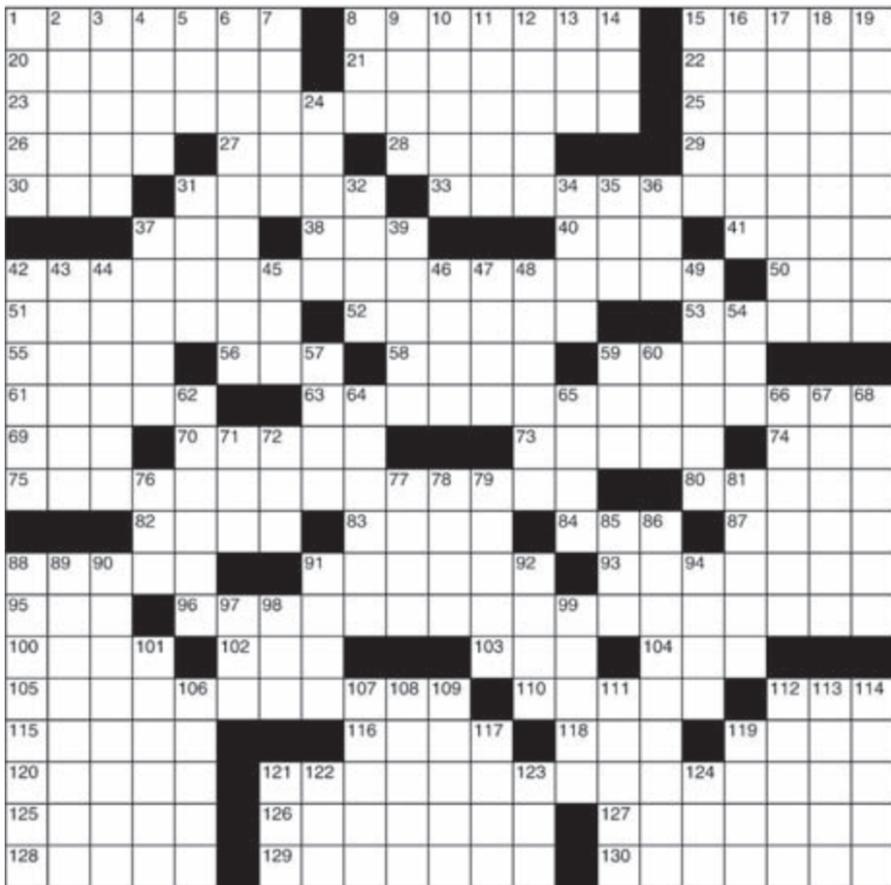


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 - 31 Ship bunk
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 - 40 Manning of the NFL
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 - 42 Repair of an angel's blood vessel?
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 - 55 Zing
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 - 116 Jazz sax player Stan
 - 118 — Offensive
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 - 125 1985 Kate Nelligan drama
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 - 5 1969 Beatle
 - 6 Aggressive stinger
 - 7 Agog
 - 8 Salt, in Sèvres
 - 9 — Lang Syne
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 - 12 "Ad — per aspera"
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 - 14 Horse food
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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and to attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time you put some of that concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Just when you thought your life had final-

ly stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
As tensions ease on the home front, you can once more focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price — whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
A recent job-related move proves far more successful than you could have imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it. ■

By Linda Thistle

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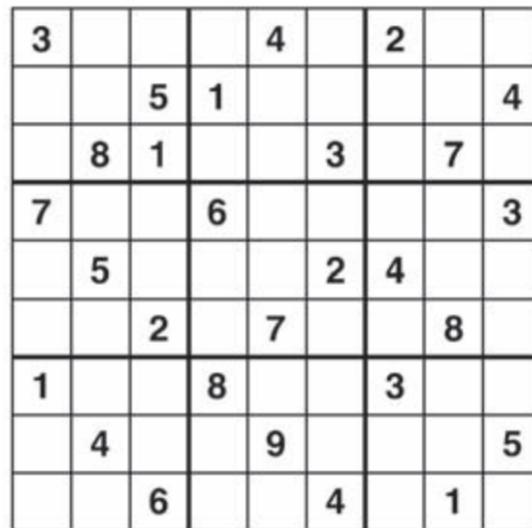


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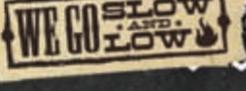
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The science of card reading

BY STEVE BECKER

Card-reading is the art of deducing how the opponents' cards are divided. Each bid made and each card played by the defenders tells a story. The trick is to read the story, interpret it correctly, and then find a way, if possible, to take advantage of the knowledge gained.

Take this case where South wound up in four hearts after West had overcalled with one spade. West led the queen of spades, and East took dummy's king with the ace. East returned a spade, taken by West, who then led his singleton diamond to dummy's jack. Declarer's problem now was to avoid the loss of more than one trump trick.

South realized that he would have to lose more than one trump trick if the opposing hearts were divided 4-1 or 5-0. Only if the hearts were divided 3-2 was there a chance of losing just one trump trick.

But this alone would not do the job. The player with the doubleton heart would have to have the ace if the contract was to be made. And the first heart lead would have to come from the correct hand to have any chance of success.

Since West had made a vulnerable overcall on a queen-high suit, it seemed likely that he had the ace of hearts. The first heart play therefore had to come from the South hand.

Accordingly, declarer crossed to his hand with a club at trick four and led a low heart. West played low, and dummy's queen held. On the next heart,

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 5
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ A K Q J
♣ A 7 4

WEST
♠ Q J 10 9 6 3
♥ A 4
♦ 10
♣ J 10 8 2

EAST
♠ A 7 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 7 6 4 3
♣ 6 5

SOUTH
♠ 8 4
♥ K 8 7 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K Q 9 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♥ 1♠
4♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

East produced the ten and, with fingers crossed, South ducked. West was forced to win with the ace, and the contract was home.

The key to the winning play was West's spade bid after East had turned up with the ace of spades at trick one. All that remained was to work out how to take advantage of the knowledge that West had the ace of hearts. ■

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Southside with You ★★

(Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers, Vanessa Bell Calloway) Here's the story of Barack and Michelle Obama's first date during a hot summer day in 1989. Only the locations are accurate, however; the dialog is fictionalized, which is a downer given the film's inherent appeal. Combine that with low-budget production values and standard editing, and the whole thing plays like a made-for-TV movie. Rated PG-13.

Ben-Hur ★1/2

(Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Morgan Freeman) At the time of Jesus Christ (Rodrigo Santoro), a Jewish prince (Mr. Huston) is forced into slavery by his adopted brother (Mr. Kebbell), who is a Roman soldier. The story drags and the performances do little to enliven the stilted dialog; two decent actions sequences are the lone saving grace. Rated PG-13.

Hell or High Water ★★★1/2

(Ben Foster, Chris Pine, Jeff Bridges) A Texas Ranger (Mr. Bridges) tracks two bank-robbing brothers (Mr. Foster and Mr. Pine) in this superb neo-western. A great drama highlighted by fantastic writing and even better performances, it's one of the best movies of the year. Rated R.

Florence Foster Jenkins ★★★

(Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Rebecca Ferguson) In 1944 New York City, wealthy socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Ms. Streep) aspires to be an opera singer in spite of her notable lack of ability. Ms. Streep and Mr. Grant are a formidable duo, but it's director Stephen

Frears ("Philomena") striking just the right tone of laughing at Florence but with the movie that makes it all work. Rated PG-13.

Suicide Squad ★★1/2

(Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Jared Leto) The world's most dangerous criminals are given a reprieve from prison to fight a deadly witch (Cara Delevingne). Robbie steals the movie as Joker's (Mr. Leto) squeeze Harley Quinn, and the action and soundtrack keep things popping, but the story has numerous problems. Set in the same DC Comics universe as "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice." Rated PG-13.

Jason Bourne ★★1/2

(Matt Damon, Alicia Vikander, Tommy Lee Jones) Bourne (Damon) gets new information about his past and has to fight off the CIA agents (Vikander, Jones, Vincent Cassel) who want him dead. The story has head scratching moments, but the action is tense and exciting. Make sure you're up to speed on the three previous Damon-led "Bourne" films or you'll be lost. Rated PG-13.

Café Society ★★★

(Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Steve Carell) Twenty-something Bobby (Eisenberg) moves to L.A. and falls in love with his uncle's (Mr. Carell) assistant (Ms. Stewart), then returns home to the Bronx to run a nightclub with his brother (Corey Stoll). Writer/director Woody Allen is in fine form as he provides laughs and dramatic twists in this engaging coming of age tale set in an idyllic 1930s. Rated PG-13. ■


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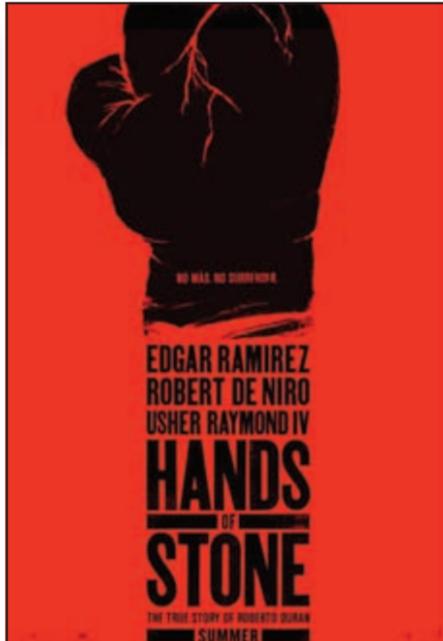
Part boxing movie and part biopic, "Hands of Stone" tells the story of Roberto Duran (Edgar Ramirez), a boxer who rose from poverty in Panama to become a world champion. Yes, you've seen this kind of movie plenty of times before, and the fact that this one is based on a true story doesn't necessarily add to the appeal. But this will: The fight scenes and training montages are edited in an engaging way, and the film is full of little moments and details that make it a truly lively and dynamic viewing experience.

Duran is an up-and-coming boxer when he hooks up with esteemed trainer Ray Arcel (Robert De Niro) in 1971. Through Arcel, Duran learns both boxing technique and how to strategize. Combined with his natural "ring sense," this makes him nearly unbeatable and world famous.

Duran's biggest rival is Sugar Ray Leonard, nicely played by hip-hop star Usher Raymond as a mild-mannered guy who's light on his feet and tough to beat in the ring. We also see Duran outside the ring, mostly chasing a schoolgirl named Felicidad (Ana de Armas) and engaging with Panamanian locals after he becomes famous.

Written and directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz, the film is at its best when Arcel and Duran interact. Note the way Arcel combs Duran's hair in between rounds of a fight because it intimidates the opponent to see Duran coming out looking fresh. Also note that the reason Duran hates being hungry while training is because he was often hungry as a kid and it brings back horrible memories. Also, Arcel doesn't allow Duran to mouth off to him. More than once he puts Duran in his place, but at the same time he fights for and defends Duran against all who try to take advantage of him. Their bond is articulated through their actions, not words of affection. It's quite nice, actually.

There are some extraneous moments: All of Arcel's personal life should've been left on the editing room floor, but doing so would've cut out three things: 1) John Turturro as a New York City gangster, 2) Ellen Barkin as Arcel's wife and 3) Drena



De Niro (Mr. De Niro's adopted daughter) as Arcel's estranged daughter. Mr. De Niro is really good here, yes, but you can't help but wish Mr. Jakubowicz had looked objectively at the film and realized what's obvious to us: that focusing on Duran alone would've made the movie better.

The distractions are worsened by the fact that Duran's story is so compelling, meaning we want him on screen more and don't want to be distracted by Arcel's personal drama. Destitute, lacking education and abandoned by his father at age 14, Duran fought in street fights for money before going under the wing of a boxing trainer named Plomo (Pedro Perez). His journey to becoming a champion, complete with adversity, love and fame, is as compelling a rags-to-riches tale as you'll find. Mr. Ramirez plays him with the appropriate stubborn conviction, and in the process gets us to like Duran and forgive him for his flaws.

If you don't follow boxing you might not know the name Roberto Duran, and that's OK. After all, it doesn't mean you cannot (or will not) enjoy his story in "Hands of Stone." On par with "Creed" in terms of overall quality, this film is a solid movie worthy of the admirable life and career Duran has led. ■

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'Hand of God' renewed for 10 more episodes

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I just got done binge-watching "Hand of God" on Amazon. Has it been renewed, and if so, do you have any spoilers?

—Tina R., via email

A: The mesmerizing drama/suspense series has been renewed for 10 more episodes, with season two premiering in early 2017 (no exact date as yet). As you know, the series stars Rob Perlman, Dana Delany, Garret Dillahunt and Julian Morris, and centers on a morally corrupt judge (played by Ron) who suffers a breakdown and believes that God is compelling him onto a path of vigilante justice.

I spoke recently with series creator and head writer Ben Watkins, who aside from letting me know that Linda Gray is joining the cast, also gave me the scoop on season two.

"When there are things we can't explain, we will try to find an answer for it. We say it's science or religion or it's crazy or it's magic. In season two, Pernell continues to explore this question of whether he's truly crazy or has he actually touched onto something supernatural.

"We get a chance in season two to peel back some of the layers of what is going on, some of the sinister elements in the city



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Ben Watkins

of San Vincente, and how that is affecting Pernell's journey."

Q: I loved Hugh Laurie in "Night Manager." What else will he be in?

—Donnie T., Reno, Nevada

A: Hugh's next project is the Hulu original drama series "Chance," which premieres Oct. 19. In this six-episode series, Hugh plays a forensic neuropsychiatrist who reluctantly gets sucked into a violent and dangerous world of mistaken identity, police corruption and mental illness.

Readers: If you're a fan of the Netflix documentary series "Making a Murderer" like I am, then you'll want to know that a federal judge overturned the conviction of Brendan Dassey for the murder of Teresa Halbach. Judge William E. Duffin wrote in his ruling: "The court finds that the confession Dassey gave to the police on March 1, 2006, was so clearly involuntary in a constitutional sense that the court of appeals' decision to the contrary was an unreasonable application of clearly established federal law." Unless the state wants to retry him, Brendan will be released within 90 days of Aug. 12. There is no word yet on what this will mean for his still-incarcerated uncle, Steven. ■

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Candy containers with nursery rhymes bring sweet price for collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

An attractive box can help sell a product, especially if it can be reused in a new way. Since the 19th century, candy containers have been made to attract buyers. Figural glass bottles were first made in the shape of the Liberty Bell in 1876. Papier-mâché animals with removable heads and hollow stomachs, and lithographed tin boxes, pails and even figural tins were used later. All of these are collected today and some sell for hundreds of dollars. Canco is the name found on a series of lithographed tin pails that held candy by Lovell & Covell, a candy company in Fulton, Mass. The pails are decorated with nursery-rhyme figures. The Queen of Hearts, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Peter Cottontail are the easiest to find in the series. In excellent condition, they retail for over \$100. The Canco mark was used from 1910 to 1921 by the American Can Company, a 1901 firm.

Q: I have an old kerosene lamp, only used when we had power outages, and not used for a long time. The oil burner needs to be removed to fill with the kerosene. The kerosene seems to have gelled and the burner can't be easily unscrewed. The glass bowl seems to have a brown stain inside. Any recommendations for solvent or cleaner to safely dissolve the gel and clean the interior?

A: Kerosene will leave a waxy residue if left too long in a lamp that isn't used frequently. You can use gasoline to dissolve the deposit, but first you have to be able to unscrew the burner. Try wiping the part where it connects to the font with a rag dipped in gasoline. Then fill the lamp with gasoline and leave it overnight. In the morning, swirl the gasoline around and empty it. Make sure the lamp

is dry before refilling it with kerosene. You may be able to clean the bowl by filling it with very hot water.

Q: Articles about men's latest styles say cufflinks are back. The shirtsleeves have buttonholes and there are a few cufflinks sold in the stores. How old are the oldest cufflinks? Any tips on buying some? I have an inexpensive pair shaped like tiny automobiles. They are marked "F & S."

A: Cufflinks were invented about 1700. The first ones were made like two "buttons" joined by a short link chain. A button went into the buttonhole on each side of the cuff. By the 1800s, men were wearing plain, dark clothes so only a small, plain cufflink was acceptable. But by the 1840s and the Industrial Revolution, inexpensive cufflinks were machine-made and used by the average man, not just the rich. Cufflink designs followed the styles from Victorian, Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Mid-Century modern periods. Your cufflinks were made by Fenwick and Sailors, a Hollywood company that started after World War II. They made many silver figural cufflinks, including some like small Coca-Cola bottles or TWA planes to be given as ads. They went out of business in the 1970s, as cufflinks slowly lost popularity until the early 2000s. Costume jewelry and curvy links are very inexpensive, often selling for about \$10. Gold and silver links made by famous jewelers can cost over \$1,000.

Q: My Ivorex plaque inscribed is "Poets corner, Westminster Abbey, Dickens's Grove." It's 7 by 9 inches. What is it worth?

A: Ivorex plaques were made by the Arthur B. Osborne Co. in Faversham, Kent, England. The company was in business from 1899 to 1965. The plaques

were made of a material he called "sterine wax." Plaster of Paris was poured into clay molds to make three-dimensional pictures, which were hand-painted and dipped in wax to finish them. W.H. Bossons Ltd. bought the company in 1971 and made plaques from 1980 to 1996, when that company closed. They are not popular with collectors in the U.S., but some sell in England. Prices, \$10-\$50.

Q: I have my first Barbie, from about 1959. She has red hair in a ponytail and is wearing a black-and-white striped swimsuit. I got Ken with fuzzy hair, Midge, Allen, Skipper and Scooter as they were produced, and also have the pink sports car and other things. Is it worth the trouble to try to sell them?

A: The first Barbie doll came out in 1959. The doll was designed by Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel Inc., and came with blond or brunette hair. The doll was named Barbie after her daughter. Ken was introduced in 1961 and was named after her son. Barbie No. 1 has upside-down V-shaped eyebrows and

holes in the bottom of her feet, which fit into a special stand. Barbie No. 5 was the first Barbie with a red or auburn ponytail (a color Mattel calls Titian). It was introduced in 1961. Barbie dolls, her friends, clothes and accessories sell for prices ranging from \$10 or less to several hundred dollars. Barbie No. 1 sold at auction last year for over \$4,000.

Tip: Handle gemstone jewelry carefully. Opals crack easily, and soaking them in water to prevent cracking may do more harm than good. Some stones, like pink beryl, will fade if left in bright sun for a long time. ■

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. The amount of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.



Little Red Riding Hood is outsmarting the Big Bad Wolf by giving him some candy from a pail. The Lovell & Covell tin pail sold for \$115 at a Hakes auction in 2015.

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Objects of good design really do go together – regardless of age



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When I was growing up in Fort Myers in the 1970s, I loved all things relating to history.

Back then, one could receive a tour of Thomas Edison's winter home and laboratory that was guided by the old men who served as assistants to Edison in the Fort Myers laboratory when they were young boys in the teens and '20s.



Buddha stands sentry at the base of the stairs at Gump's.

And back then, I met some of the most fascinating people at shops and through my mother's clubs and organizations.

My mom was — and still is — active in the Fort Myers Doll Club.

In the 1970s, many of the members were of my grandmother's generation and older.

I remember one of the most delightful of those ladies — Olive McCarty — showing me this miniature chest or that fabulous frippery bought back in the '50s or '60s in the antiques department at Marshall Field's in Chicago.



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Gump's was founded in San Francisco in 1861 and has been known for decades as a purveyor of high-end accessories.

"Oh, you can't imagine how wonderful the antiques were there. It all was curated," she would say with a flourish.

I loved seeing Mrs. McCarty — she was always very well turned out, and her antiques and dolls were among the finest in the area.

But by the time I made it to Marshall Field's that antiques department on State Street was a thing of the past.

It's a pity because I love to see something with history becoming a part of décor.

That's what made me love Gump's



Silver-plated egg coddlers would be perfect accessories for a brunch buffet.



Cut-glass biscuit jars are as at home now as they were a century ago. Picture them filled with shortbreads.

department store during a recent visit to San Francisco.

I'd long heard of Gump's, that fabled center of decorative splendor, but only made it there recently.

Forget Rice-A-Roni — Gump's is the San Francisco treat, especially for lovers of art and décor.

Colorful glass sculptures from the United States and elsewhere sparkle in the light from the front windows.

Cases to the left of the door are filled with jewelry.

The space to the right is filled with art pottery and more art glass.

A giant statue of Buddha greets you as you climb the stairs.

Upstairs, there were furnishings, dishes and beautiful linens — I bought flour-sack towels with whimsical designs to use as hostess gifts.

And I loved hearing a saleswoman referring to a china pattern as "Export-inspired," taking a cue from the European-motif pieces made in China during the 18th century.

A room filled with antique crystal and silver transported me to another era.

Tables were laden with cut-glass biscuit jars and salt cellars. Another table was loaded with caviar servers, and cases were groaning with silver serving pieces — a grace note on any table, and inspired pieces to use today — especially in our food-savvy culture.

None of it seemed out of context with the beautiful contemporary pieces that filled the rest of the store.

In fact, it all had a curated feel like Marshall Field's back in the days Mrs. McCarty shopped there.

We can't all make the trek to Gump's, but we can draw inspiration from the notion that objects of good design have a way of coordinating regardless of era.

That's one sweet lesson I'll take from my trip to San Francisco. ■

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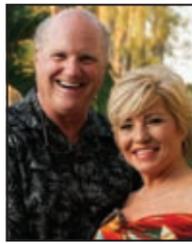


■ **The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** hosts **“Latin Night: The Tastes and Sounds of the Dominican Republic”** Saturday, Sept. 17, at Wyndemere Country Club to benefit the CHBP and the Hispanic Council Foundation of Collier County. Tickets are \$100 for individuals, \$175 for two. Visit chbnaples.org for reservations or more information.

■ **Waterside Shops** hosts its fourth annual **Craving Fashion** food and fashion extravaganza from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. Models wearing fashions from shops throughout the center will stroll the walkways, and more than 30 local restaurants will serve tastes of their specialty dishes and drinks. Purchase tickets for \$50 at cravingfashion2016.eventbrite.com. For event updates, follow Craving Fashion on Facebook.

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■ **“Under the Stars at Shangri-La”** for Valerie’s House, a nonprofit devoted to providing grieving children and their families a caring place to share and find support, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs. Co-chairs of the event are Joy Gugliuzza with Royal Shell Real Estate and Steve Engstrom with Sirius Computer Solutions. The Shangri-La Springs property encompasses the natural spring for which Bonita Springs was named and include the historic 1920s hotel that was once a retreat for Hollywood stars of the Golden Age. The island-themed night will include live calypso music, flamethrowers, hors d’oeuvres and signature cocktails. Art created by Valerie’s House children will be auctioned along with various auction packages.



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Joy Gugliuzza and Steve Engstrom

Tickets are \$100 eight (\$1,000 for a table for eight). Major sponsorships range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Sponsorships and reserved tickets can be purchased at ValeriesHouseSWFL.org or by mail at Valerie’s House Inc., P.O. Box 1955, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

Valerie’s House is named after Angela Melvin’s mother, Valerie Melvin, a mother or two who was 31 years old when she died in a car accident in 1987.

The organization serves more than 70 children and their families from Lee, Collier, Charlotte and Hendry counties from its headquarters near downtown Fort Myers. Satellite locations are planned for Naples and Cape Coral. For more information about the nonprofit, call 478-6734 or email angela@valeries-houseswfl.org.



■ **Project HELP** holds its 20th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive in Naples. The fundraiser features a bounty of chocolate treats, savory hors d’oeuvres, wine, silent auction and music. Costumes in keeping with a masquerade theme are optional but encouraged. Tickets for \$95 are available by calling the Project HELP office at 649-1404 or by going to projecthelpnaples.org/events.

The nonprofit is seeking donations of chocolate cookies, candies, cakes, brownies and other bite-size items from restaurants, bakeries, chefs, stores and other businesses. Donors are invited to call the office if they can contribute 100 pieces of a chocolate item for guests to enjoy.

Celebrating its 30th year in 2016, Project HELP is the state-certified rape recovery and victim services cen-

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■ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** hosts its **2016 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County** the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event begins with cocktails and includes dinner along with recognition of this year’s Business Hall of Fame laureates. Junior Achievement students also attend and are seated with guests for dinner. For more information, call 225-2590 or email jgreenhoe@jaswfl.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 18th annual **Fashion Show & Luncheon: “Rock for the Paws”** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The afternoon includes a silent auction, cocktail hour, lunch with wine and fashions for people and pooches. Models walk the runway with adoptable dogs at their side. Marilyn’s Distinctive European Fashion will outfit the human models. Well-behaved canines are welcome to accompany their owners. Tickets are \$195, and sponsorships opportunities are available. Call 438-4616, email events@hsnaples.org or visit hsnaples.org/events. ■

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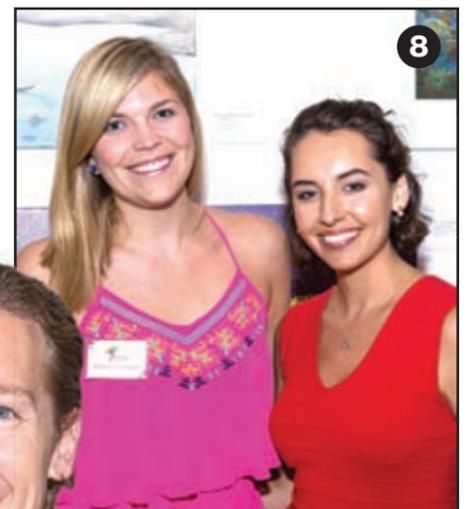


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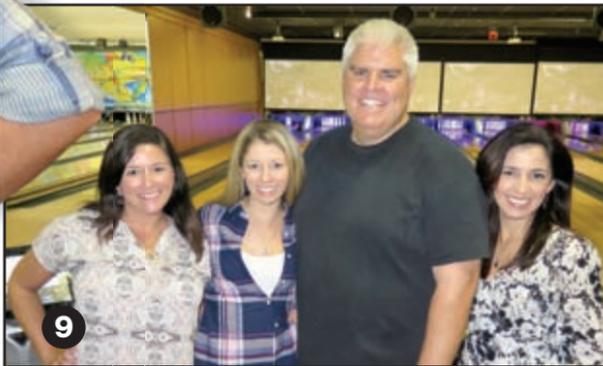


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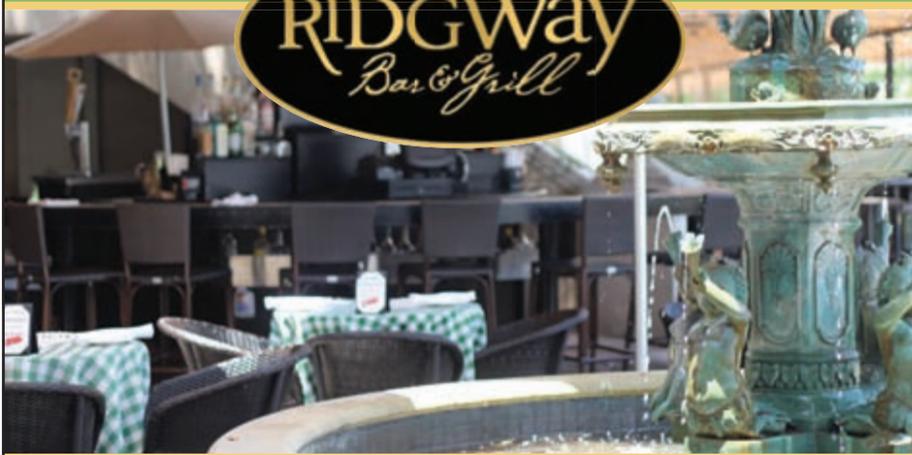
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Avenue5 is liquidating its extensive wine collection in anticipation of the property's transition to OceanPrime.

■ **Verande E** at Hotel Escalante hosts a five-course organic wine dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, to celebrate the hotel and restaurant's dual certification as part of Southwest Florida's Blue Zone's project. Featured items are organic wine from Bethel Heights Vineyard in Oregon, vegetables and flowers from the establishment's in-house garden and duck from Joe Jurgielewicz & Son. \$89. 290 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **Dagny's Spirits** holds a complementary wine and liquor tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnysspirits.com.

■ **Naples Grande Beach Resort** hosts the inaugural **Grill & Chill Weekend** with a variety of summer food events Friday through Sunday, Aug. 26-28. It kicks off Friday when bartenders create original cocktails for Blender Bender from 7-9 p.m. at the resort's Mangrove Pool. Saturday's fun includes a fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and two dinners at 7 p.m., one hosted by Riptide Brewery and the other by Ste. Michelle Wine Estates. The weekend wraps up with the Grande Grill Off from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, when area restaurants will provide grilled samples to taste and judge.

Various events cost \$20-\$100, with proceeds benefitting FGCU's Resort & Hospitality Management program. (866) 837-1762 or visit naplesgrande.com.

■ **Naples Originals** hosts its second annual **Foodie Camp**, a series of 90-minute cooking classes led by area chefs in local restaurants, Monday through Thursday, Oct. 17-27. Afternoon classes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. are \$50; evening classes from 5:30-7 p.m. are \$60. Admission includes instruction, small plates, wine and takeaways. 435-3938 or foodiecampnaples.com.

■ Vincenzo Betulia, chef/owner of Fifth Avenue South's Osteria Tulia and Bar Tulia, has announced he plans to

open a new restaurant sometime this fall. At 365 Fifth Ave. S., **The French** will feature a menu in the brasserie rustique tradition, and extensive wine list featuring French wines from family boutique menus and a private dining room for small banquets. For more information, visit campagnahospitality-group.com.

■ The Rotary Club of Naples and the 5th Avenue South Business Improvement District present **Festival on 5th**, a food and wine extravaganza, from 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, on the downtown thoroughfare. Guests will enjoy VIP vintner dinners, dozens of premium wines and craft beers and food from participating Fifth Avenue restaurants.

A limited number of advanced tickets are available for \$35-\$75, with more available at the event. Proceeds will benefit a number of the Rotary Club's charitable causes, including Polio Plus, Learn2Earn scholarships and Naples High School's Interact scholarship. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 272-5186 or napleswine.org.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some **cooking classes** on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com - Cook Happy, Eat Healthy: Wednesday, Sept. 14 (\$69).

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com - Fried Chicken 101: Thursday, Aug. 25 (\$69); Sunday Brunch Favorites: Friday, Aug. 26 (\$69); Date Night French Summer Flavors: Friday, Aug. 26 (\$79); Summer Flavor Peaches: Sunday, Aug. 27 (\$69); Tasty Thai from Scratch: Saturday, Aug. 27 (\$69); Date Night An Evening in Greece: Saturday, Aug. 27 (\$79); Family Fun Pies & Ice Cream: Sunday, Aug. 28 (\$49); Confident Cooking Three-Part Series: Sunday, Aug. 28 (\$195); Late Summer Surf & Turf: Monday, Aug. 29 (\$85); Great Grilled Pizza: Tuesday, Aug. 30 (\$69). ■

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THE DISH

The Dish: Pan Seared Sea Scallops

The Place: Shula's
The Hilton Naples

The Price: \$24

The Details: I had never gone to Shula's for lunch (or dinner) and ordered something that didn't involve meat: the signature Angus Burger, the Black & Blue Salad (with tenderloin tips and gorgonzola) or a slab of juicy prime rib with accompaniments. As I considered the menu on my most recent visit, however, I spotted a server delivering something that just looked too yummy to pass up: three plump, golden, pan-seared sea scallops sitting atop a creamy

concoction of roasted corn and bacon bits, sprinkled with some diced tomatoes. A side plate of perfectly grilled asparagus spears was part of the order, too. I ignored my carnivorous tendencies and was glad I did. The dish was rich and filling, yet not so much, after cleaning my plate, I couldn't go back to the office and have a productive afternoon.

One More Thing: There's still time to get to Shula's for the August Burger of the Month. For \$15, you can fill up on an 8-ounce Angus Burger loaded with double-cut bacon, cheddar cheese and barbecue sauce and served with your choice of steak fries or sweet potato fries. ■

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Bar Tulia, 462 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 228-7606

Do you love Chef Vincenzo Bertulia's Osteria Tulia? Then try his second concept: Bar Tulia, a gastropub right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage and other items that appeal to the creative chef in a rustic yet hip atmosphere that's clearly gained a following. Even the drinks are creative, like the pigalle (a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon) and a Hurricane (featuring three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime). Graze your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens and fingerling potatoes; a perfectly rendered pizza with house-made mozzarella and tomato sauce with fresh basil; grilled house sausage atop stewed white beans; deviled eggs with smoked trout roe; and a full-sized entrée of salmon with roasted carrots and beets. For dessert, try the Sicilian waffle with caramelized bananas and maple bourbon almond truffle. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Reviewed May 2015

Fernandez the Bull-Midtown, 3375 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 653-9097

Local lovers of Cuban food have twice as much to thank the Fernandez family for now that there's a second

Fernandez the Bull to patronize. For 25-plus years, the first one has existed in various locations. Now a chic-looking sibling is operating on Pine Ridge Road with indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar and a terrific staff. Start with a well-chilled and minty guava mojito. Savor some beef empanadas (one dish of eight serves two or more) or crisp fried calamari. Then move on to an entrée like the chicken with mojo and garlic sauce or shrimp and mussels in white wine and tomato sauce. Sides of moros (rice and black beans), fried yucca or fried plantains are all great choices. And don't skip dessert. We loved the guava mango mousse cheesecake. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Reviewed November 2015

Ristorante Farfalla, 21301 Tamiami Trail, Estero; 495-9912

Chef-owner Michael Fattah has maintained his commitment to top-shelf ingredients, freshly made pasta, lighter sauces and handmade desserts since opening Farfalla in 1998. No garlic knots or meatball subs here; calamari and penne alla vodka are the closest things to culinary clichés. Fattah's fresh pasta is a must-have, and it might be as dazzling as a special of squid ink and saffron fettuccine with littleneck clams, green mussels, shrimp and lobster. From the regular menu, you can't go wrong with one of the half-dozen veal dishes, the risottos or the handmade gnocchi. And don't pass on dessert (served with chilled forks); the cannoli and cheese-



cake both are filled with an ethereal blend of ricotta and triple-cream mascarpone. Beer and wine.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed January 2016

7th Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 231-4553

A lot of restaurants in Naples offer great food, but few do it with the fun and funky vibe that 7th Avenue Social has achieved. The spot formerly occupied by Flava is now owned by Colin Estrem. The menu features innovative cocktails, house-made pickles, conch sliders, smoked fish mac and cheese, fish or barbacoa tacos, pineapple upside down cake and a host of other goodies. Stop in for drinks and relax in the eclectic collection of chairs clustered near the entrance, or dine at a table where a couch (with pillows) provides two of the seats. I loved the pickles, a chile verde pork taco, the mac and cheese and the somewhat sloppy but satisfying Southern fried chicken wings. We shared a nightly special of yellowtail snapper encased in salt that was served tableside with white asparagus, crisp yucca fries and a side of Bernaise sauce.

Sunday brunch and late-night menus available, too. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
Reviewed May 2015

The Local, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276

This restaurant's name aptly describes its mission: to serve as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured locally. Run by chef/owner Jeff Mitchell, a Culinary Institute of America alum, the place has a menu that's creative, a setting that's unfussy and a staff that's friendly and accommodating. As you would expect, the menu changes frequently, depending on what products are available. If they are offered, I recommend starting with the Pine Island clams in red curry. The sauce is sweet and spicy, redolent of basil and studded with scallions. It's good enough to drink on its own. Pan-seared triggerfish was expertly cooked, enhanced by a mango and avocado salsa. Mustard-roasted all-natural Joyce Farms free-range chicken breast with mustard breadcrumbs, soft-boiled egg and pecorino sauce was an imaginative way to dress up poultry. From the side dish choices, we liked the blackened potatoes, the sweet potato cake and the roasted beets with shallots and sherry vinegar. Don't skip dessert; everything here is homemade. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
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Reviewed April 2015 ■



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CUISINE

Southern hospitality and menu a winning combination for 1500 South

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No doubt Chef Art Smith has faced some professional challenges over the years. After all, he was Oprah's chef for 10 years. He also served Bob Graham and Jeb Bush — Florida governors with archly opposing views if not tastes.

Dealing with diverse and likely demanding personalities, a wide range of dietary proscriptions and other quirks that require skillful navigation no doubt helped him develop the skills needed to take on an establishment with a troubled past.

Since opening in 2008, the waterfront restaurant at Naples Bay Resort has been Italian (Olio), Chinese (L'Orient), upscale American (Mereday's Fine Dining) and upscale Southern since March, when Mr. Smith opened 1500 South — the name derived from the street address, which seems to be a trend these days.

I have gamely reviewed each one and enjoyed them to varying extents.

Perhaps because Mr. Smith has several other restaurants, 1500 South avoids some of the pitfalls of its predecessors, even though he isn't there most of the time, leaving the day-to-day operation to his chef de cuisine, Dagan Stocks. The crowd was light on the Saturday night we visited, but the open kitchen had a full complement of black-clad chefs conjuring up food that was as beautiful as it was delicious.

We almost missed watching them conduct that fascinating culinary ballet when the hostess first sat us in the second dining room, which has a view of the water but not the kitchen. We were the only party in the dining room, so it was pretty lifeless. When we asked to be moved into the main dining room, the hostess and our very on-point server, Taylor, were quick to relocate us to a table right smack in front of the kitchen. Ah, yes: dinner and a show, my favorite.

After that, everything flowed smoothly. A server attendant delivered a little wooden box in which were two fragrant garlic knots and two moist, rosemary-scented biscuits. There was no but-



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Smoked salmon on a hoecake is a fabulous pairing.

ter accompanying them, and none was needed.

On this scorching evening, we ordered a bottle of Whispering Angel Rose, which arrived properly chilled along with an ice bucket.

The hardest part of dining at 1500 South is narrowing down your choices. For an economical evening, consider the three-course prix fixe meal for \$35. But everything on the menu looks great, and the specials sounded even better. Take the nightly soup special: a whiskey crab bisque (\$13) that had a crab base, a smoky touch of whisky, bits of crab bobbing about and Meyer lemon foam that added a tart-sweet note.

From the menu, we sampled the smoked salmon hoecake (\$16), a thin cornmeal pancake. The salmon was buttery soft and lightly smoked, perched atop the tender cake topped with dollops of sweet pea mash, crème fraiche, pea tendrils and slices of red jalapenos. I've had smoked salmon on blini, toast points and other starches, but the hoecake seemed the perfect vehicle, adding both flavor and texture without overwhelming the delicate fish.

The exemplary appetizers had us eagerly anticipating the entrees and we were not disappointed.

Cornmeal-crusted lane snapper (\$27) consisted of a good-sized fillet ensconced in a thin, crisp layer of cornmeal then topped with a bounty of goodies including Vidalia onion and green onion escabeche with golden raisins, tangerines and frisee. This dish was a symphony of flavors and textures.

Chef Art's Famous Fried Chicken (\$27) might be a bit pricy for poultry, but it was terrific, with a crisp, well-seasoned crust and moist interior, including the breast. There were three large pieces of chicken, plus a small bowl of house hot sauce — which started out sweet and finished with a pleasant heat — and two more of those wonderful rosemary biscuits. I wound up taking a piece of chicken and the biscuits home. They were pretty darned good the next day.

We shared an order of roasted seasonal veggies (\$8), a mix of mushrooms, summer squash, baby corn and cauliflower in three shades topped with saba (similar to balsamic vinegar), extra virgin olive oil and a shower of shredded cheese. While the veggies tasted good, they arrived close to room temperature, the result no doubt of being ready before our entrees.

Dessert was one of the nightly spe-

cial: strawberry-rhubarb crumble with vanilla ice cream (\$12). It was made to order, so it took a few minutes to arrive but was worth the wait. Served blazing hot in a little iron skillet, the fruit was delicious and not overly sweet, with just enough crumb topping. The melting ice cream added a cool, creamy note.

The dining room at 1500 South is spare but lovely. Gone are the strangely shaped wood sculptures, replaced by a wall of wine. There's lots of white and wood. The tables themselves have nothing on them but silverware — no flowers, no salt, no pepper. And that's just fine. Here the food is the star and it needs no adornment.

The service staff was spot on, working as a well-oiled team to ensure that dishes arrived and were cleared in a timely manner, wine and water were poured before we asked and that everything was going well at our table.

I'm hoping that the fourth time's the charm for this lovely space and that diners will make their way to 1500 South to get a taste of superb Southern cuisine and a big serving of hospitality along with it. ■

in the know

1500 South Restaurant

Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S.,
Naples; 774-1500

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½

>> Hours: 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday
>> Reservations: Accepted
>> Credit cards: Accepted
>> Price range: Appetizers, \$2-\$18; entrees, \$19-\$38
>> Beverages: Full bar
>> Seating: Conventional tables, banquettes, some outdoor seating
>> Specialties of the house: Southern cuisine
>> Volume: Low to moderate
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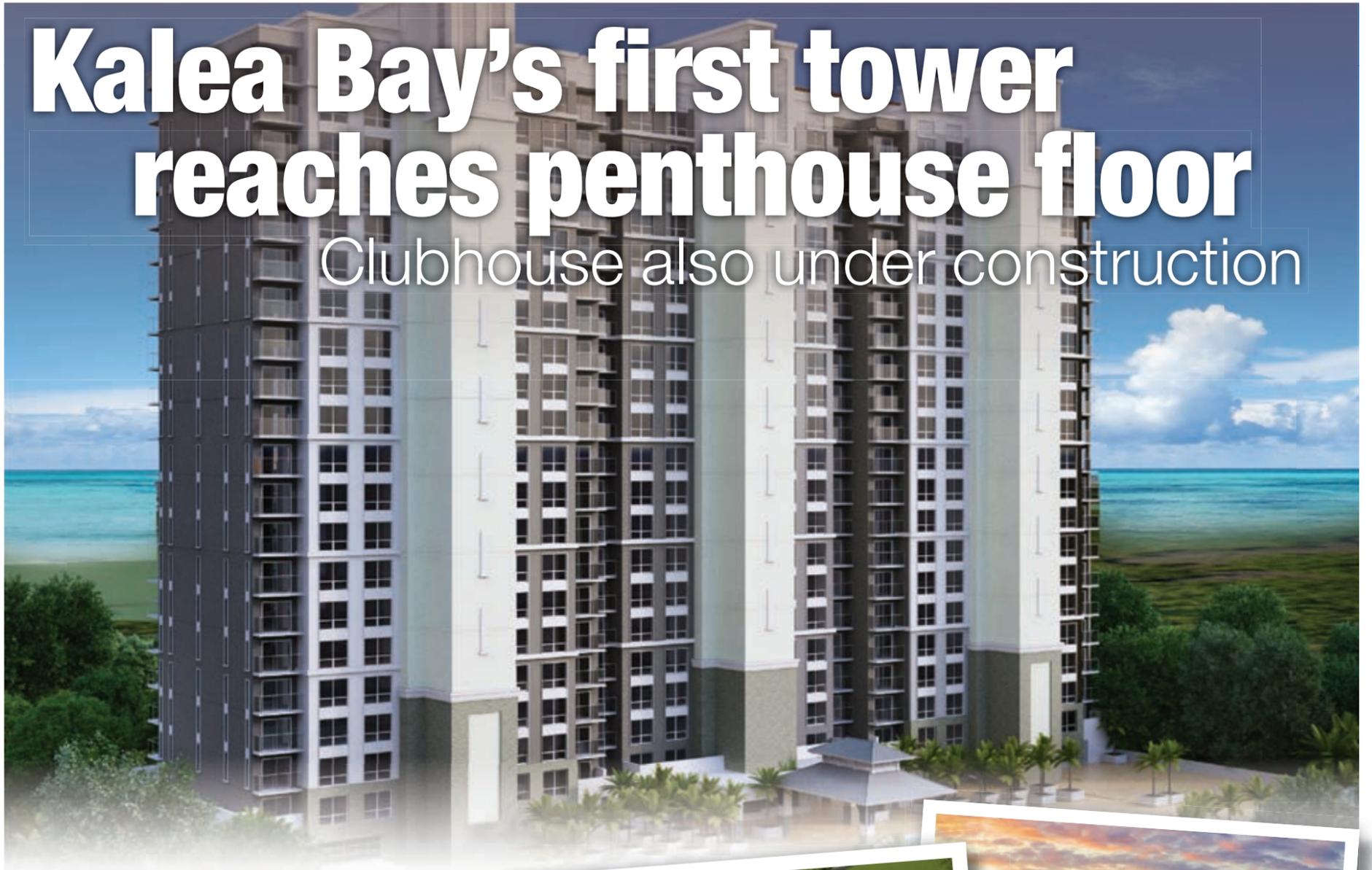
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Kalea Bay's first tower reaches penthouse floor

Clubhouse also under construction



Kalea Bay, a gated, resort-lifestyle community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, has set a new standard for luxury residential high-rise living.

The incredibly-designed residences at Kalea Bay, combined with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Coghatchee River and a pristine nature preserve, have propelled the community to become one of the hottest-selling properties this year.

"As of mid-August, the construction on our first tower has reached the penthouse floor," stated Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

"From my office in the sales center I can observe the construction progress on a daily basis," said Wilson. "It's not only exciting for me, but also for those who've already purchased and even the visitors who have come to the sales center for the first time."

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,755 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835 total square feet while residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

All residents of Kalea Bay will revel in gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence, 9-foot, 2-inch ceilings in living areas, and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and Subzero appliances, a natural gas range, Downsview cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island.

"Our kitchens feature an open design

we call lifestyle designs that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for today's hosts and hostesses," said Wilson. "The layout of the kitchen can be experienced firsthand through a replica of one in our sales center."

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve," stated Wilson. "That means all of our residents have front row seats for our spectacular sunsets."

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features.

Wilson says dramatic views are available to every single resident, not matter which floor they live on.

"That's because the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop," explained Wilson. "That includes our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center."

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

"Those beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wig-



The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay has 120 residences. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

gins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9," said Wilson.

The first residential high-rise tower at Kalea Bay will be completed in the summer of next year. However, it won't be the only building on-site to reach that milestone.

"Currently, Kalea Bay's community clubhouse area is also under construction and slated to be completed around the same timeframe," said Wilson. "Our clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Wilson. "Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy."

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a

resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Wilson. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Wilson. "There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach."

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

Ronto creating legacy in Southwest Florida

With a variety of distinctly different communities in development, The Ronto Group is creating an impressive legacy in Southwest Florida. From TwinEagles' classic country club ambiance, to Naples Square's walkable lifestyle, the Seaglass tower at Bonita Bay, and the Naples Orange Blossom community, Ronto's is shaping how people live in one of the most desirable locales in the world. Ronto was named recipient of the Gold Award for Best Developer in the Naples Daily News' 2016 People's Choice Awards.

Since acquiring TwinEagles in September, 2010, Ronto's development strategy has focused on enhancing the community's amenities, enrolling outstanding Preferred Builders, and introducing product offerings that take advantage of TwinEagles' natural setting. Under Ronto's leadership, five neighborhoods have sold out, and three new neighborhoods have been introduced.

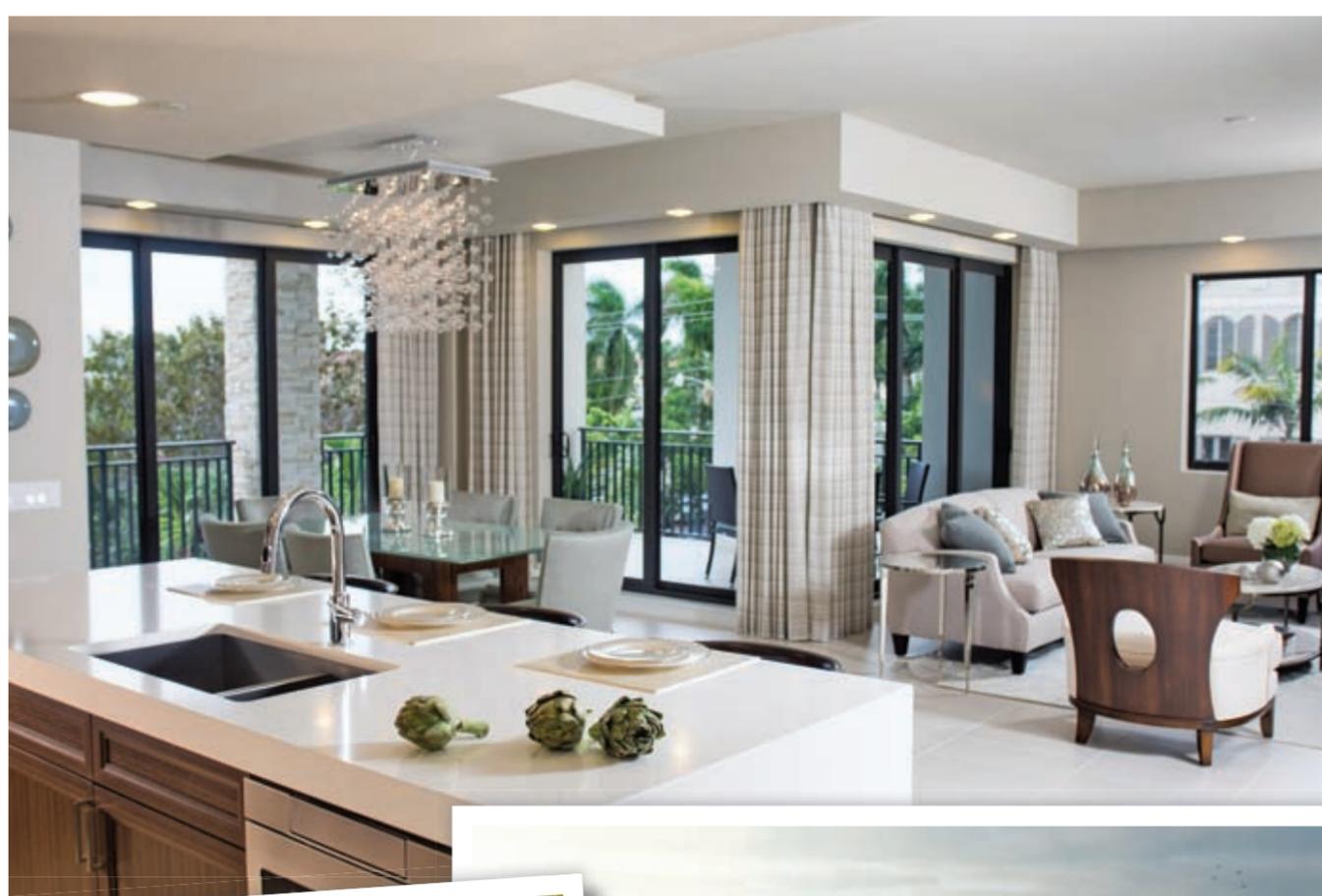
TwinEagles' product selection now ranges from carriage homes priced from the mid-\$200's to estate residences priced into the millions. A tranquil natural setting, the luxury product offering, and world-class amenities, including two championship golf courses, continue to attract homebuyers. The community was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club. A golf membership is included with every newly constructed home at TwinEagles.

TwinEagles' Talon Golf Course hosted the Chubb Classic PGA Champions Tour in February. The community's Eagle Course was named "Best New U.S. Private Course of the Year" by Golf Magazine. A 47,000 square-foot Clubhouse offers an unparalleled dining experience created by the 2015 ACF President's Medallion recipient Chef Chas Tatigian. A new community swimming pool and fitness center includes a 2,500 square foot pool with a spa, a zero-entry feature, and a sunning deck overlooking a lake. An outdoor lounge, dining venue, and lighted Har-Tru tennis courts are adjacent to the pool. The 6,430 square foot fitness center includes locker rooms, areas for aerobics and yoga, and a fitness hall.

At Naples Square, Ronto embraced the trend toward transforming downtown areas from serving as attractive destinations to places where people are fully engaged in every aspect of city life on a day-to-day basis. Rather than serving the more transient interests of those living in outlying areas, this new form of urbanism presents an opportunity to live with every aspect of life within walking distance.

Naples Square is being developed at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. The community's walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. The walk-able lifestyle and the availability of one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces continue to generate strong sales. After selling out 73 completed Phase I residences, construction of Naples Square Phase II continues to move forward on schedule for completion in first quarter, 2017, a timeframe that will allow Phase II residents to enjoy their new homes during the 2017 season.

Just 16 Phase II residences featuring five floor plans remain available. The one



Above: After selling out 73 completed Phase I residences, construction of Naples Square Phase II continues to move forward on schedule for completion in first quarter, 2017, a timeframe that will allow Phase II residents to enjoy their new homes during the 2017 season. TwinEagles is one of a variety of distinctly different communities being developed by the award-winning Ronto Group. A golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed home at TwinEagles. Right: With more than \$103 million in sales already processed and construction underway, sales continue to expand at Ronto's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower within Bonita Bay community that was named one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions.

and two story, two and three bedroom plus den plans range from over 1,200 to over 3,800 square feet under air and are priced from the \$600's. Ronto is accepting Phase III reservations. Eight one and two story, two and three bedroom plus den Phase III floor plans range from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air and are base-priced from \$695,000 to \$1,550,000.

With more than \$103 million in sales already processed and construction underway, sales continue to expand at Ronto's 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower within the Bonita Bay community that was named one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. With the combination of the building's captivating tower floor plans, Bonita Bay Club membership opportunities, and amenities that include a 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center, five championship golf courses, numerous formal and informal dining venues, a marina, hiking and biking trails, a tennis complex, and a resi-

dents-only private beach park, Seaglass is redefining the luxury high-rise living experience. Choice tower residences remain available. Seaglass is expected to be completed by summer, 2018.

The Seaglass tower will feature fully-completed residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private two-car garages will be available. Three tower residence great room floor plans range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet and are priced from just over \$1 million. The spacious tower residences will include dual private elevator grand foyers, island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling

heights are included per plan.

Located at 1948 Oil Well Road, Naples Orange Blossom offers an affordable resort lifestyle with amenities that include a new Community Center featuring a fitness center and catering kitchen, multiple swimming pools, a spa, hammocks, a shade pavilion, cabanas, beach chairs, tennis courts, sand volleyball, bocce ball, and basketball courts. New residences by Lennar Corporation include Executive Homes from 1,677 to 3,867 square feet priced from the mid-\$200's and Manor Homes offering 2,244 to 3,867 square feet priced from the \$300's. Additional product choices will be available as Ronto expands the community's group of Preferred Builders.

Ronto has also purchased the remaining home sites in Valencia Golf and Country Club and will be announcing their plans in the near future.

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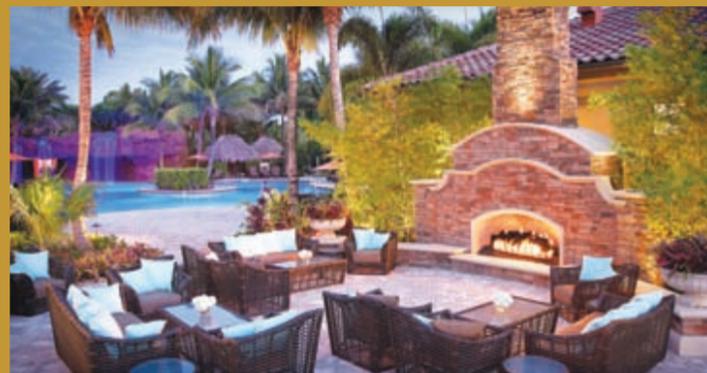
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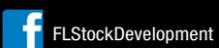
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New building released in Signature Club at Lely Resort: new amenities are open

New homes and new amenities continue to be unveiled at Lely Resort, winner of seven Community of the Year Awards from the Collier Building Industry Association

This summer, even as Stock Development is nearing sell out of the legendary community, it added new lifestyle amenities with the debut of The Players Room at the award-winning Players Club & Spa. On the residential front, Stock has released for sale another building at Signature Club, one of the final two neighborhoods of coach homes that will be built at Lely Resort.

"Lely has been one of the Naples real estate market's biggest success stories for more than a decade and we pride ourselves on addressing the changing needs of our residents and providing them with the best possible amenities," said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort Stock. "The Players Room is a wonderful addition to an amenity complex that has won numerous Best Clubhouse Awards over the past 10 years."

The Players Club & Spa is located adjacent to Signature Club.

According to Stock, each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features an array of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course and the new building offers the longest lake views available. These homes offer extraordinary value with numerous standard features that are upgrades in similar homes. Two furnished models are open and prices for inventory homes begin at \$460,170.

"Signature Club is a beautiful neighborhood of coach homes that live like single-family residences," said Stock. "This new building offers a premium location with amazing water views across the widest part of the lake."

The new building includes four St. Andrews floorplans, a three-bedroom, three and one-half bath coach home offering an island-style kitchen with breakfast nook, a study, a two-car garage and 2,738 square feet under air. This second floor unit also offers an elevator option. These homes are priced from \$599,990 and you may choose your own options.

Also available is The Wentworth, a ground floor home offering two-bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths, a great room and a dining room. With 2,096 square feet under air, it features a den, a gourmet kitchen with a breakfast nook and a two-car garage.

Signature Club has a beautiful private, gated entry with water features, beautiful landscaping and a stone entry monument.

The Players Room is multi-purpose building located adjacent to the main clubhouse. It offers a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features elegant banquet seating.

Homebuyers interested in Lely Resort's world-class lifestyle have a tremendous number of multi-family and single-family residences to choose from, many of which are move-in ready.

In the beautiful Olé, neighborhood, only one home remains available! Offering three bedrooms, two and a half baths, formal living and dining rooms and 1,715 square feet, the Santa Ana End is move-in ready. The residence features a two-car garage that leads to the open and airy kitchen with granite coun-



Above: St. Andrews model. Right: The Signature Club. Below: The Players Club & Spa, Ole condos.



tertops and upgraded appliances. The kitchen also features a large pantry and a powder room. The Santa Ana End is priced at just \$329,990!

Lely also has amazing single-family homes.

The exquisitely designed and beautifully furnished Majestic II model is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf.

This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open

environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a

large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Stunning Interiors by Beasley & Henley add to the appeal. The attached three-car garage offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at \$1,871,994 fully furnished.

Stock Development is one of the area's most successful and innovative developers. The lifestyle it creates is as amazing as its residences.

Lely Residents have access to three championship golf courses and a spectacular club facility. The Player's Club & Spa is an amazing 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse.

The expanded Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has twelve foot awnings around all sides, six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a "spin" room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

Outside, a second free-form pool has been built, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-style amenities at any time.

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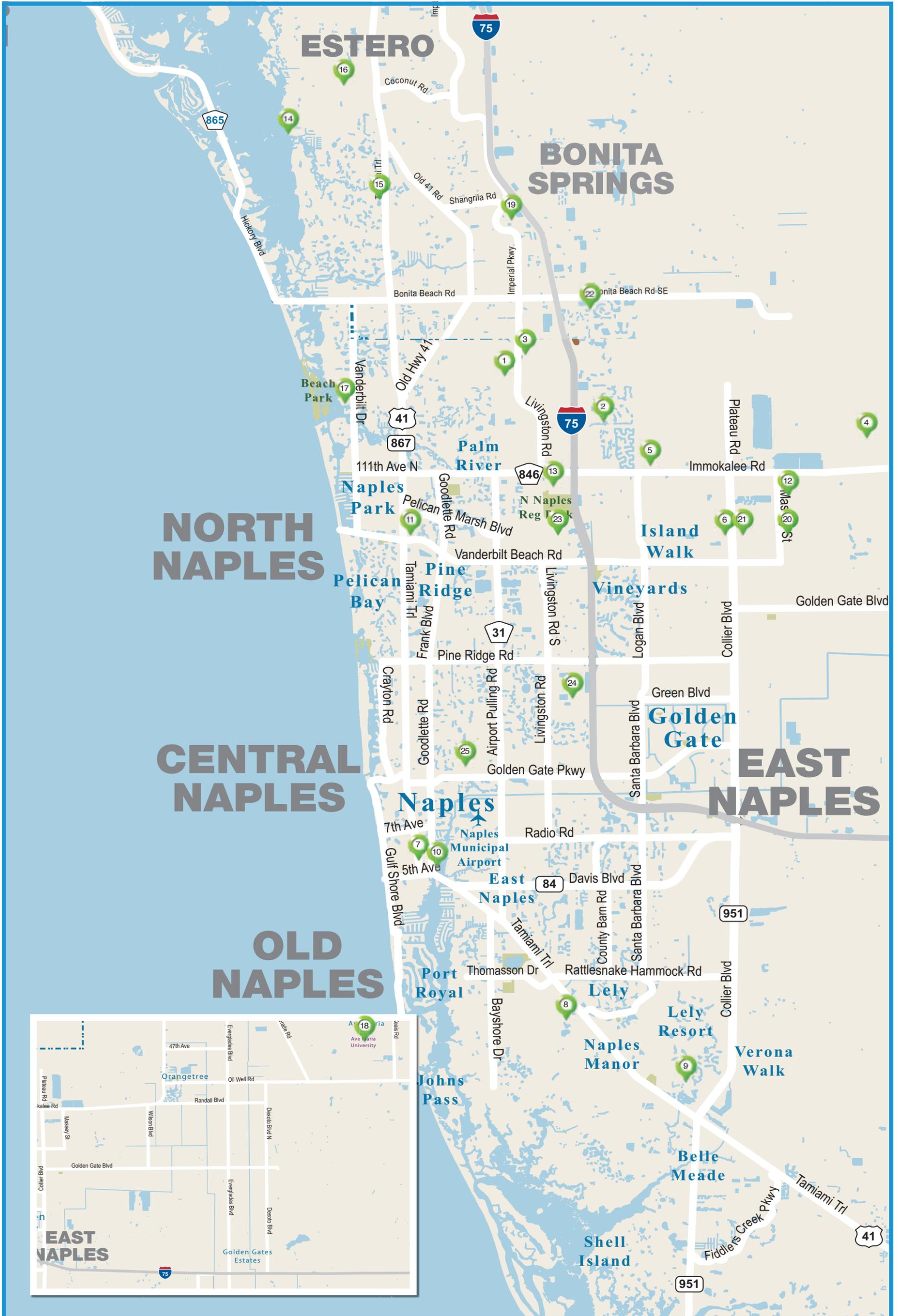
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The Isles of Collier Preserve by Minto recognized with prestigious best in American Living Award

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities recently received a prestigious Silver Award at the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) for “Best Mixed Community.” Minto is one of only three recipients to be recognized in this category in the entire country.

BALA awards are presented by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The nation’s premier award program, the BALA awards recognize design excellence and spotlight the nation’s most creative and innovative builders, remodelers, architects, residential and building designers, developers, land planners and interior designers.

All aspects of The Isles of Collier Preserve were inspired by nature and informed by historic references to the classic coastal architecture of Old Naples. Over half of the 2,400 acres are dedicated to lakes, nature preserves and natural habitat.

The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 as a 16-room inn. Like the historic hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway, The Isles Club includes an array of active lifestyle and wellness amenities. Residents and friends gather here for social functions, swimming in the stunning resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid \$300s to \$1 million plus. The community currently presents 16 fully furnished model homes for touring.

Currently, two move-in-ready featured homes are available. For a limited time, these homes include a \$40,000 incentive towards purchase. Featured homes include the Poinciana two-story coach home priced at \$510,290 and the Mimosa villa home priced at \$549,260. The Jasmine Grande single-family home, available in September, is offering a \$40,000 incentive priced at \$999,047.

The Poinciana coach home is 1,952 square feet under air, and includes three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage and private elevator. The Mimosa villa home is 1,780 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, two baths, den, pool and spa with water view and two-car garage. The Jasmine Grande single-family home also includes a beautiful water view. It is 2,933 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, den, sitting room, two-and-a-half baths and two-car garage.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit mintofla.com. ■



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Allure's prime location in the Historic Fort Myers River District

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ALLURE, the new, 32-story, luxury condominium to be developed in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District, is attracting residents looking for an elegant, urban enclave situated in a prime location, which offers a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and entertainment options.

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JAXI CMD, developers of ALLURE, are incorporating the beautiful outdoor aesthetics into the two-tower, 292-residence condominium community and incorporating amenities that allow residents to enjoy the natural splendor of this tropical paradise. As part of the development plans, JAXI CMD will build a beautiful riverfront promenade with lush landscaping, a covered gazebo, picnic benches, and a meandering, brick-paved walking path along the glistening river behind the condominium where residents can enjoy the best of what Mother Nature has to offer. In addition, they are incorporating the "Allure Your Senses" rooftop gardens

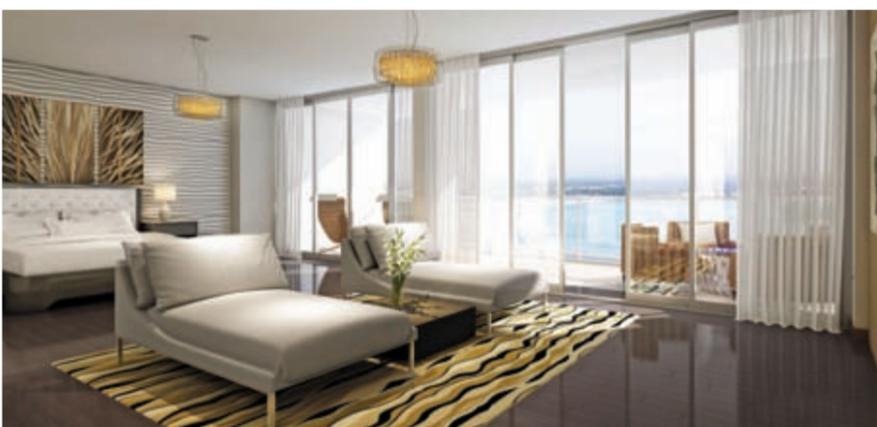
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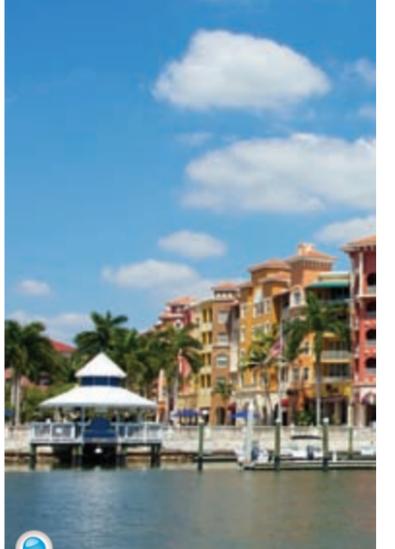
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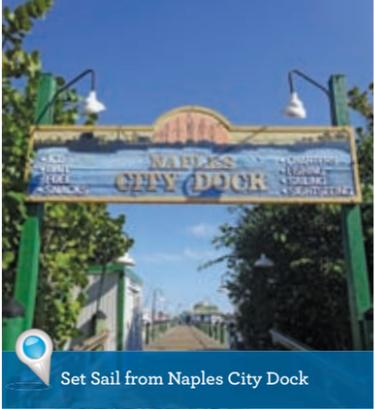
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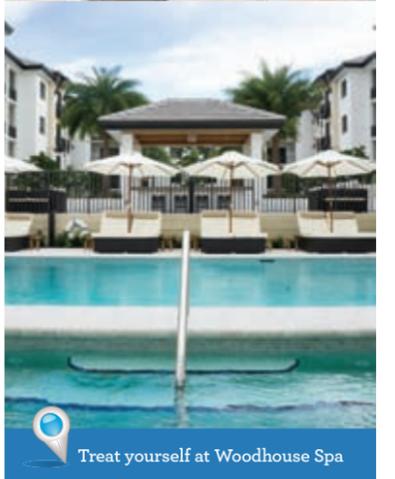
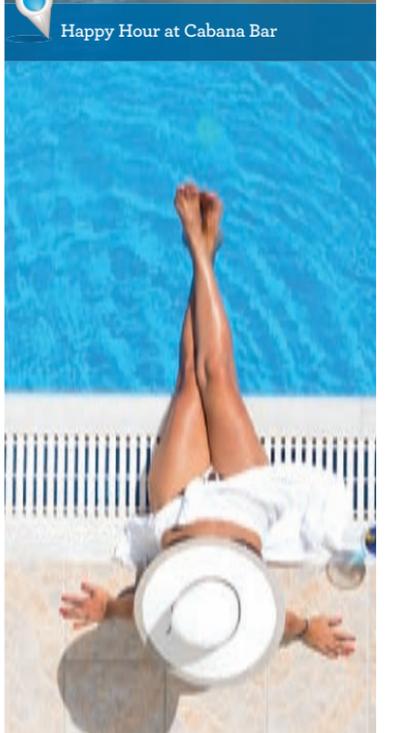


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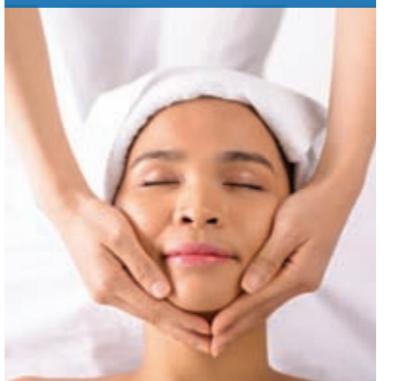
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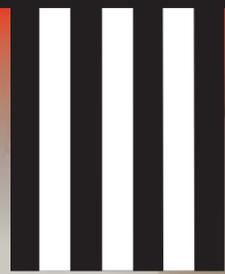
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1-866-657-2300 800CC041745.

FORT MYERS



Could This Be Your New Pool Home
3 bed 2 bath salt water pool home located on a cul de sac with lake and fountain view! Freshly painted inside and out.
\$365,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM040900.

ESTERO



OPEN SUN 1-4

21711 Red Latan Way

Hidden Estero Gem
This beautiful well-maintained one owner home is located on a cul-de-sac in the gated community of Estero Palms.
\$359,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS049485.

FORT MYERS



Location, Location, Location
Better than new contractor's dream.
\$350,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM019452.

BONITA SPRINGS



Lighthouse Bay at the Brooks
A delightful jewel set in an ultra-convenient location, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, end-unit is sure to impress.
\$344,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS050342.

CAPE CORAL



Rose Garden Area 4/3/2 Pool Home
Prestigious Rose Garden area over 2200 sqft 4 bed, 3 full bath 2 car pool home with nice landscaping & circular drive.
\$335,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC028594.

LEHIGH ACRES



Huge 5 Bedroom/3 Bath Home
Large gourmet kitchen, master bed with beautiful bath on the first floor. Very large 4 additional bedrooms.
\$329,999
1-866-657-2300 800FM044711.

FORT MYERS



The Home & Lifestyle You Deserve
The home & lifestyle you deserve! 4 bed 3 bath estate w/3-car Garage, heated pool/spa, great layout with gorgeous golf course.
\$324,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC048576.

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CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Home
This home has sailboat access to the Gulf with a dock and 10,000lb boat lift. A 2 bed/3 bath home with an open floor plan. **\$309,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC000758.

LEHIGH ACRES



Country Estate
Exclusive executive custom home in Northeast Lehigh Acres. Open floor plan with high ceilings. Three suites. **\$299,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM047996.

CAPE CORAL



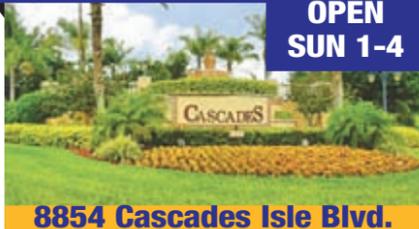
Gorgeous SW Cape Coral Pool Home
This Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home is located in the Prestige S.W. Cape Area ! Triple Lot / Western exposure home is a must see ! **\$299,300**
1-866-657-2300 800CC050074.

CAPE CORAL



Tee Golf Club Gated Community Pool Home
Enjoy sitting right on the Kings Course in sought after Cape Royal home of Royal Tee Golf Club. **\$299,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM040902.

ESTERO



**OPEN
SUN 1-4**

8854 Cascades Isle Blvd.
Beautiful 2/2 55+ Community
Cascades at Estero is an active adult community located in Lee County, Florida. Highly desirable. Small town feel. **\$299,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS038468.

FORT MYERS



**OPEN
SUN 1-4**

4561 Waterscape Ln
Beautiful 2 Bed 2 Bath Home in Watermark
This Tide Water model offers 2 bedrooms,den,2 bath,foyer,upgraded kitchen with espresso cabinets, stainless appliances. **\$285,900**
1-866-657-2300 800BS046775.

CAPE CORAL



**OPEN
SUN 1-4**

1148 SW 42nd ST
Pool Home
Gorgeous 3/2/2 open floor plan. **\$279,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM048689.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage. **\$279,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM032112.

CAPE CORAL



Fabulous 2 Bed/2 Bath Rivers I Condo
End unit with private courtyard, large master suite, river views. Beach Parkway area, Jaycee Park! **\$269,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC020083.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2 Single Family Home Port Charlotte Area
This like new 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home in Sec 15 is a must see! Remastered kitchen and bathroom! **\$259,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH227000.

PUNTA GORDA



Beautiful 3/2 Single Family Home
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home in Port Charlotte! Updated kitchen and tiled Garage for easy convenience. **\$259,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH226510.

CAPE CORAL



Move-In Ready -- Mint Condition
Newly renovated 3/2 home. Tile throughout, wood cabinetry, granite countertops. New ceiling fans and newer A/C. **\$257,999**
1-866-657-2300 800CC049045.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Stunning Country Setting Home
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home. **\$254,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH223177.

NAPLES



Beautiful Golden Gate Home
This home is a must see ! Wood and tile floors throughout. Huge backyard with hot tub and wet bar. Large screened lanai. **\$249,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC021160.

ESTERO



Awesome 2 Bed 2 Bath + Den in Estero
Completely upgraded coach home. **\$248,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM035079.

LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features incl. 2 master bedrooms, 1 w/sitting room. **\$245,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE021402.

NAPLES



Lakefront Condo Includes Golf
Watch sunsets while looking at lake and golf course. Third floor, 2/2 is in Naples Heritage. **\$219,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA037160.

NAPLES



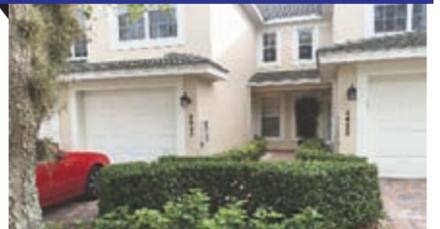
3 Bed 2.5 Bath Townhome Reflection Lakes
Preserve view...watch the deer as you sip morning coffee. Gated community with awesome clubhouse and amenities. **\$215,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA038124.

LEHIGH ACRES



Golfers Dream
Golfers Dream-location-location beautiful 3 bed home just under 1800 sqft, upgraded laminate, tile floors carpet in bedrooms. **\$214,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE037906.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful Condo in The Brooks
What a view! Lovely move-in ready 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car garage condo in Spring Run at the Brooks. Close to shopping, airport. **\$214,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM025686.

CAPE CORAL



Better Than New ... Why Wait?
Immaculate 3 bed 2 bath 2-car garage single in SW Cape Coral! High end custom granite kitchen and baths, tile floors. **\$210,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC042338.

FORT MYERS



Large Floor Plan in Portofino
Unit offers impressive square footage lots of natural light. High ceilings and tile floors in main & carpet in bedrooms. **\$209,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC048345.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Waterfront Home with Pool
2/1 Waterfront home with spa pool. Screened patio area. Small but nice with room to expand. **\$199,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH223512.

FORT MYERS



Lovely 3 Bed 2 Bath Fenced Backyard
This 3/2 in a great San Carlos Park location, has a fenced back yard and an air conditioned shed. Schedule your private viewing. **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE044748.

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CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Home
Built in 2007, and fully renovated. 4/2/2 with stainless still appliances, porcelain tile --no carpet in here.
\$190,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM070175.

FORT MYERS



Attractive Home in San Carlos Park
This 3/2 home with a 2 car garage is perfect for first time home buyers, college students, vacation getaway.
\$189,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM050013.

CAPE CORAL

OPEN SAT 9-12



1906 NE 24TH AVE
Spacious 4/2/2 NE Cape
Spacious 4 bedroom home with den located in NE Cape Coral. Over 2,300 sqft of living area. Fenced yard!
\$185,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC019687.

LEHIGH ACRES



Looking for a Home on a Cul-de-sac
Here is your chance to own piece and quiet with a splash of water! This great 4 bedroom also has , 2 bathrooms.
\$182,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE020167.

CAPE CORAL



Updated Home In The Heart of Downtown Cape
Move in ready, 2 bedroom 2 bath plus den with a two car garage. Professionally landscaped with curbing & newer AC unit.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC020156.

NAPLES



2 Bed 2 Bath In Desirable North Naples
Gorgeous lake and pool view 2/2 light, bright, updated and immaculately clean Being sold Turnkey.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA023727.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/1/ Single Family home on Water
Nice location with a truly amazing yard. Huge space for a family to play and store all their toys. House needs updating.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH227562.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa
Bring your imagination to this spacious 2 bed/2 bath/2 car garage villa! Light & bright living & dining areas.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM046496.

CAPE CORAL



Perfect Starters or Investment
Spacious 3 bed 2 bath w/tile floors, vaulted ceilings, Granite counters, great fenced yard w/room for a Pool! 2-car garage.
\$170,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC051280.

FORT MYERS



Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social
Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.
\$169,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS026907.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa
Spacious 2 Bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage villa! Light and bright living.
\$168,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM049846.

FORT MYERS



Moody Road Condo
Very private with deep water access.
\$167,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC040564.

LEHIGH ACRES



Peaceful 4/2 on 1/2 Acre Lot
This rare 4 bed 2 Bath home is clean and move in ready. Huge family room. New carpet in 3 of the bedrooms. New Flooring in kitchen.
\$165,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE046019.

LEHIGH ACRES



3 Bed plus a Den in a Quiet Peaceful Neighborhood
3 bed + den, 2 car garage. 6 ft' fence. Well maintained; fresh paint, new carpets in bedrooms. Close to shopping & schools.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC050505.

CAPE CORAL



Great Space for the Money!
1,400+ sqft of space in this 3 bed 2 bath single with 2-car garage, den/screened lanai under truss! Convenient NE Cape Coral.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC050591.

CAPE CORAL



Walk To Downtown Festivals
3/2/1 Fenced yard, split bedroom plan. Florida room, courtyard patio and built in BBQ. Walk to bus stop, shopping.
\$160,270
1-866-657-2300 800CC045479.

LEHIGH ACRES



Unique Custom Renovated Property
Spacious 2 bed, 2 bath. Must see. Contact sales agent for more information.
\$155,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM041581.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious 3/2 + Den
This spacious home boast 3 bed, 2 baths, plus a den with tile floors in the living areas and new carpet in the bedrooms.
\$149,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE049094.

LEHIGH ACRES



What a Gem - Close to Everything
Lovely 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage on a corner lot w/privacy fence along back and left side. New hurricane windows.
\$144,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE049029.

LEHIGH ACRES



3/2 Home On 1/2 Acre
Gorgeous house features tile throughout, large lanai over looking the vegetable & fruit trees. Fenced yard.
\$140,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC022495.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral 55+ Condo
Waterfront 2/2 end unit, 55+ adult community w/pool, covered parking, dock avail, easy gulf access. new a/c.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC038013.

FORT MYERS



Spacious Townhome
Sandalwood Estates is centrally located in the exclusive South Point area and close to restaurants, beaches, Rutenberg.
\$136,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM047355.

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CAPE CORAL



TurnKey Gulf Access Condo
Beautiful views from your second floor 2 bedroom unit. This condo is on a quiet street but just blocks from downtown. **\$130,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC024959.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful Willow Lake South
An oldie but a goodie. This lovely home in beautiful Willow Lake South sits on a corner lot with easy access from both streets. **\$124,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE049019.

LEHIGH ACRES



Cozy 3 Bed w/2 Car Garage on a Quiet Street
This home awaits its new owners. Sitting on a 1/4 acre lot surrounded by nature is this cozy home Open living space. **\$124,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE019428.

FORT MYERS



55+ Condo Near Beaches
Myerlee Circle Condo - a nice little enclave in Myerlee with a lovely courtyard view. **\$123,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM023243.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious 2 Bed 2 Bath in Central Lehigh
This spacious 2/2/1 home has tons to offer. Property has screened foyer to front door, split bedrooms, back lanai. **\$120,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE050457.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Large 2 Bedroom 1 Bath in Port Charlotte
Must see! large and very 2/1 in Port Charlotte. Newly redone water pump and electric. Well maintained home. **\$104,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH227470.

CAPE CORAL



2007 Townhouse in Cape Coral
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, island kitchen, breakfast nook, community pool, 2 screened lanais. Owners may have 2 dogs up to 40# **\$97,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC067971.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp. **\$85,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA063544.

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FORT MYERS



Direct Gulf Access!
Quaint beach cottage. Professionally remodeled and decorated. Just steps from the white powdered sands of Fort Myers. **\$1,799,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM049097.

BONITA SPRINGS

OPEN SUN 1-4



Beautiful Bonita Springs Home In Gated Community
Beautiful 3/4 custom salt water pool home in Bonita Lakes. Open floor plan w/soaring ceilings throughout. **\$948,995**
1-866-657-2300 800BS002720.

CAPE CORAL



Brand New Sailboat Access Home
2016 contemporary 3 bed/3 bath/3 car garage open floor plan. Beautiful view thru invisible corner patio door. **\$899,800**
1-866-657-2300 800CC044185.

FORT MYERS

OPEN SAT 1-4



Riverfront Equestrian Estate
Located on the Orange River with 2 homes, barn, dressage facilities with the equestrian in mind. You will fall in love. **\$799,999**
1-866-657-2300 800FM031273.

FORT MYERS

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated - Wow
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more! **\$799,750**
1-866-657-2300 800CC016561.

CAPE CORAL



Updated on Eternity Canal with Wide Basin Views
Gulf access, heated pool and spa, massive greatroom, 3127sqft. 4 bed, office, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen. New Flooring. **\$789,999**
1-866-657-2300 800CC030863.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous Direct Gulf Access
3/3/3 with stunning lagoon style pool and a huge dock. Perfect for waterfront entertaining! **\$699,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC033439.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, with access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac. **\$650,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CH216378.

CAPE CORAL



Unit 64 Direct Sailboat Access Pool Home
Eastern exposure, direct sailboat access pool home in Unit 64 - absolutely move in ready! **\$599,999**
1-866-657-2300 800CC039188.

CAPE CORAL



Exceptional Pool Home With Very Quick Gulf Access
Located on the Ceitus canal and near a large basin nearby that increases your water view. Expensive upscale feature. **\$550,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC037695.

BONITA SPRINGS

MODEL OPEN DAILY 10-4



Construction Community in Bonita Springs
Oak Ridge-only 21 home sites, greenblock construction, still time to pick interior finishes. Homes starting at \$419,000. **\$519,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC041830.

CAPE CORAL



Boaters Dream Home - Attention To Detail
Custom Home on the Water, one bridge to Matlacha Pass and the Gulf of Mexico. Numerous upgrades throughout. **\$500,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC028317.



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